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Dear Whatcom County Voter:

The importance of voting cannot be overstated, especially in a general election such as this when so many local offices and local issues hang in the balance. This is a time when we can really make a difference. We have no one to blame except ourselves if we sit on the sidelines and let others make the decisions for us.

The Auditor's office produces a Local Voters' Pamphlet for primary and general elections. Our mission is to provide quality information to assist voters including information candidates supply about themselves, information jurisdictions supply asking for your support for a proposed ballot measure, and hopefully a counterpoint from a group that is opposed to the measure. We also provide instructions to help the voters know how to mark and return their ballot. We hope you find the information useful.

We have spent a good part of this year refining operations in the Election Division and streamlining how we do our business. We're looking at new technologies to get more information to you, the voters. A lot of that will be seen on our Auditor's website: www.whatcomcounty.us/auditor and on Facebook. We will continue to utilize the print media and radio coverage to keep you in the know. Any suggestions you have will be greatly appreciated. You can email me at dadelstein@co.whatcom.wa.us or call at 360-715-7474.

Sincerely,

Debbie Adelstein
Whatcom County Auditor



Participating Jurisdictions:

Whatcom County Council Districts 1, 2, 3, and At-Large; Port of Bellingham Commissioner Districts 1 and 2; City of Bellingham Municipal Court Judge; City of Bellingham Council Wards 2, 4, 6, and At-Large; City of Blaine Wards 1, 2, 3, and At-Large; City of Everson Mayor; City of Everson Council Positions 1, 2, and 3; City of Ferndale Council Positions 5, 6, and 7; City of Lynden Mayor; City of Lynden Council Positions 5, 6, and 7; City of Nooksack Mayor; City of Nooksack Council Positions 1, 2, and 3; City of Sumas Mayor; City of Sumas Council Positions 1, 2, and 4; Bellingham School District 501; Ferndale School District 502; Blaine School District 503; Lynden School District 504; Meridian School District 505; Nooksack Valley School District 506; Mt. Baker School District 507; Concrete School District 11; Whatcom County Fire Protection Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, Glacier Fire and Rescue, and South Whatcom Fire Authority; Water Districts 2, 7, and 13; Birch Bay Water and Sewer District; Columbia Valley Water District; Glacier Water District 14; Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District; Point Roberts Water District 4; Samish Water District; Cemetery Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11; Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1; Northwest Park and Recreation District 2; Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3; Hospital District 304; Point Roberts Public Hospital District.

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Sample Ballot

Whatcom County, Washington

General Election - November 5, 2013

Not all districts or measures on this sample will appear on your ballot. Only the districts or measures that you're entitled to vote on will appear.

TO VOTE: Use blue or black ink to connect the arrow by your choice with a single line. Do **NOT** use a felt tip pen or pencil.

Example: 

HOW TO CHANGE A VOTE: Draw a line through the incorrect choice. You have the option of making another choice.

WRITE-IN: To vote for a person not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the person on the line provided.

If you vote more than once for an office or measure, no votes for that office or measure will be counted.

STATE MEASURES

Initiatives to the Legislature

Initiative Measure No. 517

Initiative Measure No. 517 concerns initiative and referendum measures. This measure would set penalties for interfering with or retaliating against signature-gatherers and petition-signers; require that all measures receiving sufficient signatures appear on the ballot; and extend time for gathering initiative petition signatures. Should this measure be enacted into law?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Initiative Measure No. 522

Initiative Measure No. 522 concerns labeling of genetically-engineered foods. This measure would require most raw agricultural commodities, processed foods, and seeds and seed stocks, if produced using genetic engineering, as defined, to be labeled as genetically engineered when offered for retail sale. Should this measure be enacted into law?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Advisory Votes

Advisory Vote No. 3

Substitute Senate Bill 5444

The legislature eliminated, without a vote of the people, a leasehold excise tax credit for taxpayers who lease publicly-owned property, costing approximately \$2,000,000 in the first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

- ☐ Repealed
☐ Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 4

Senate Bill 5627

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, an aircraft excise tax on commuter air carriers in lieu of property tax, costing approximately \$500,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

- ☐ Repealed
☐ Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 5

Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1846

The legislature extended, without a vote of the people, the insurance premium tax to some insurance for pediatric oral services, costing an amount that cannot currently be estimated, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

- ☐ Repealed
☐ Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 6

Second Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1971

The legislature eliminated, without a vote of the people, a retail sales tax exemption for certain telephone and telecommunications services, costing approximately \$397,000,000 in the first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

- ☐ Repealed
☐ Maintained

Advisory Vote No. 7

Engrossed House Bill 2075

The legislature extended, without a vote of the people, estate tax on certain property transfers and increased rates for estates over \$4,000,000, costing approximately \$478,000,000 in the first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

- ☐ Repealed
☐ Maintained

WHATCOM COUNTY

Council District 1, Position A, Nonpartisan, Vote for One

Barry Buchanan
 Kathy Kershner

Council District 2, Position A, Nonpartisan, Vote for One

Ben Elenbaas
 Ken Mann

Council District 3, Position A, Nonpartisan, Vote for One

Carl Weimer
 Michelle Luke

Council At-Large, Nonpartisan, Vote for One

Bill Knutzen
 Rud Browne

PORT OF BELLINGHAM

Commissioner District 1, Nonpartisan, Vote for One

Renata B. Kowalczyk
 Dan Robbins

Commissioner District 2, Nonpartisan, Vote for One

Ken Bell
 Mike McAuley

CITY OF BELLINGHAM

Municipal Court Judge, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Debra Lev

Council Ward 2, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Gene Knutson

Council Ward 4, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Pinky Vargas
Clayton Petree

Council Ward 6, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Michael Lilliquist

Council At-Large, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Roxanne Murphy
Bob Burr

CITY OF BLAINE

Council Ward 1 Position 1, Nonpartisan 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Steve Lawrenson

Council Ward 1 Position 2, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Bonnie Onyon

Council Ward 2 Position 4, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Charlie Hawkins
Brian Thomasson

Council Ward 3 Position 6, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Henry (Paul) Greenough

Council At-Large Position 7, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
John Liebert
Harry Robinson

CITY OF EVERSON

Mayor, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
John Perry

Council Position 1, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
John Hammond

Council Position 2, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Jennifer Lautenbach

Council Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Andrew Jewell

CITY OF FERNDALE

Council Position 5, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Robert W. Hakim
Jon Mutchler

Council Position 6, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Carol Bersch
Eric Kelton

Council Position 7, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Stacy Miller
Brent W. Goodrich

CITY OF LYNDEN

Mayor, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Scott Korthuis

Council Position 5, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Rex E. Dudley
Nick H. Laninga

Council Position 6, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Tobey Gelder

Council Position 7, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
David Burns

CITY OF NOOKSACK

Mayor, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
James Ackerman

Council Position 1, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One
Fritz Zemler

Council Position 2, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Daniel Bennett

Council Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Tom Jones

CITY OF SUMAS

Mayor, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Bob Bromley

Council Position 1, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Bruce Bosch

Council Position 2, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One
Richard Postma

Council Position 4, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Michael Quinn

BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 501

Proposition No. 2013-1
General Obligation Bonds - \$160,000,000

The Board of Directors of Bellingham School District No. 501 adopted Resolution No. 14-13 concerning this proposition for bonds. This proposition would authorize renovations, student safety and other upgrades to designated schools and facilities throughout the district to extend their useful life and construct replacement buildings for Sehome High School, Options/Innovations High School and Happy Valley Elementary School, to issue \$160,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years, and to levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 14-13. Should this proposition be:
Approved _____ Rejected _____

Director Position 4, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Steven Smith
John H. Blethen

Director Position 5, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Scott Stockburger

FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 502

Director District 4, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Lee Anne Riddle

Director District 5, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One
Andrew McLaurin

BLAINE SCHOOL DISTRICT 503

Director District 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Susan Holmes

Director District 5, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Michael M. Dodd

LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT 504

Director Position 2, Nonpartisan, 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Brian L. Johnson

Director Position 4, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Stephan Jilk

Director Position 5, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Michael Haveman

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 505

Director District 2, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Karolyn Crabtree

Director District 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Brian A. Evans

NOOKSACK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 506

Director District 1, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Randall Wright

Director District 2, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Stephen A. Jones

MT. BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT 507

Director District 1, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One
Brian Kelly

Director District 4, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Jim Freeman

CONCRETE SCHOOL DISTRICT 11

Director District 1, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Rae (Crissie) Wilson

Director District 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Gladys Silrus

Director District 4 At-Large, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Bill Thompson

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 1

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Gary D. Almy

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4

Proposition No. 2013-1
Emergency Medical Services
Property Tax Levy

Will Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 be authorized to impose a PERMANENT regular property levy of thirty cents (\$.30) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation?
Yes _____ No _____

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Mary Beth Neal

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 5

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Robert Dean
Stan Riffle

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Jeff Wilmot
Craig Carter

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 7

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Michael Murphy

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 8

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Roger Buswell

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Cheryl Sanders

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Robert Neher

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 11

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Bill Lee

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 14

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
RobRoy M. Graham, Jr.

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 16

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Brian Knutzen

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 17

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Michael Burnett

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 18

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Tari Caswell

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 21

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Roger Hawley
Dean Berkeley

GLACIER FIRE AND RESCUE

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Steve Siekkinen

SOUTH WHATCOM FIRE AUTHORITY

Commissioner District 5, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Jim Peebles
Ron Swanson

WATER DISTRICT 2

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 4 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Jon "Pete" Rittmueller

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Maxine A. Visser

WATER DISTRICT 7

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Mark Lann

WATER DISTRICT 13

Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Richard Whitson

BIRCH BAY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Patrick Alesse

COLUMBIA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Victoria Anderson

GLACIER WATER DISTRICT 14

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Connie Cook

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
James Evangelista

LAKE WHATCOM WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Commissioner District 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Deborah Lambert

POINT ROBERTS WATER DISTRICT 4

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Bill Meursing

SAMISH WATER DISTRICT

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Herb Barker

CEMETERY DISTRICT 1

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Vickie Rainey

CEMETERY DISTRICT 3

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 4 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Floy Markham

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Gary Gehling

CEMETERY DISTRICT 4

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
David J. Kratzig

CEMETERY DISTRICT 5

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Melvin Kuipers

CEMETERY DISTRICT 6

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Short and Full 6 Year Term, Vote for One
Catherine Flaherty

CEMETERY DISTRICT 7

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
James Paul Larsen

CEMETERY DISTRICT 8

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Pauline deHaan

CEMETERY DISTRICT 9

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Lonnie L. Davenport

CEMETERY DISTRICT 10

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Glenn G. Boodey

CEMETERY DISTRICT 11

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Donald Harvey

POINT ROBERTS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT 1

Proposition No. 2013-1
Community Center Capital Improvements
General Obligation Bonds - \$250,000

The Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1 passed Resolution #13-02 concerning the District's community center. This proposition authorizes the District to replace the roof and HVAC systems of the community center, improve drainage on the site, and make other capital improvements to maintain and improve the safety and structural soundness of the center; to issue for these purposes \$250,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum 10 years; and to levy property taxes annually, in addition to regular tax levies, to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution #13-02.

Should this proposition be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Mary Edgley

Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan, Short and Full 4 Year Term, Vote for One
Douglas Shier

NORTHWEST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT 2

Proposition No. 2013-1
Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy

The Board of Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District No.2 adopted Resolution No. 2013-01 concerning a proposition to assess a regular property tax levy for a four (4) year period (2014-17) of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to fund staffing, operations, maintenance, and capital improvements to improve recreation and leisure time activities and opportunities for people of all ages in the greater Blaine-Birch Bay area. Shall the proposition be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Joseph Maier
Sheli Moore

Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Katy Montfort
James L. Rankin, Jr.

LYNDEN REGIONAL PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT 3

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Kevin Burke

Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Terry DeValois

Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Brandon Van Soest
Hank Roorda

HOSPITAL DISTRICT 304

Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 2 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Andrew C. Hunter

Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Gary L. Kent

Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan 4 Year Unexpired Term, Vote for One
Jeri Kaufman

Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Robert Stanley

POINT ROBERTS PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan, Vote for One
Dick Williams

Whatcom County – Council District 1, Position A, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Barry Buchanan

Elected Experience: Bellingham City Council

Other Professional Experience: Owner, Buchanan Consulting, a management and work-force development consulting firm; Vice President, Bianchi Group; General Manager Doyle Training Co; Supervisor Heath Tecna Aerospace; Lead Engineer, Lockheed Missiles and Space Co.; US Navy veteran.

Education: Graduate Bellingham High School; US Navy Advanced Electronics; Ohlone and San Jose City College, Computer Science.

Community Service: Co-Founder Bellingham High School Alumni Band; President Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association; Board Member WHAT-COMM 911 Administrative Board (Whatcom County's emergency dispatch system), Board Member, Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce; Board Member, Northwest Economic Council; Board Member, Whatcom County Council of Governments; Board Member, Downtown Bellingham Partnership.

Statement: Barry Buchanan is a fourth generation Whatcom County native and a Navy Veteran. His priorities are simple: Keep the great quality of life that we've had here since his great-grandparents moved here over a century ago. This means

preserving our farmlands and our agricultural tradition by responsibly managing growth. Barry understands we need to continue our progress protecting and restoring Lake Whatcom and ensure our voices are heard concerning the Gateway Pacific Coal Terminal.

We need a smart plan to provide the energy and jobs of the future. That includes responsible siting for wind power and other sources to employ people locally while increasing energy independence.

Most importantly, Barry knows Whatcom County government needs to be responsible with our tax dollars. It's your money and it needs to be spent efficiently. Barry has the experience we need from his service as a Bellingham City Councilmember, a member of the Whatcom 911 Administrative Board and as the owner of a small business. Barry and his wife Judy have been married for over forty years. Let's keep Whatcom County the best place in America to live. Vote Barry Buchanan for Whatcom County Council.

Proudly endorsed by Whatcom Democrats and Washington Conservation Voters.

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Kathy Kershner

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Council 2009 - present. Serves as Chair of the Council, Flood Control District Board of Supervisors, and Board of Health.

Other Professional Experience: U.S. Navy Lieutenant, retired, 22 years service. Owner/founder of Advocations, a firm that evaluates

State-funded programs that enable adults with developmental disabilities to lead safe, fulfilling, independent lives in our communities. Previous partner in a \$22 million human services agency providing a wide spectrum of support to individuals and families of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

Education: Bachelor of Science, Family Resources, University of Hawaii.

Community Service: Serves on the Northwest Regional Council and the North Sound Mental Health Advisory Board.

Statement: Hello Whatcom County! Working together, we have made significant progress on many important community issues including building a new jail that will better serve our citizens, applying for transfer of roughly 8800 acres to the county for the

creation of a new park that will provide tremendous opportunities for recreation, and we've made it through the 2008 economic crisis and are on solid financial ground with growing reserves in the bank and very little debt.

Looking forward, I want to continue to work hard to ensure Whatcom County remains a healthy and vibrant place to live, work, and raise our families. We get there by ensuring that we implement policies that help us create and protect a healthy environment, produce a healthy economy, and support healthy people and families in our communities.

We have many important decisions to make in the near future. I have a proven track record of working with everyone in our community to find the best solutions to complex and controversial issues and I'm not afraid of making the tough decisions. It has been a privilege to serve as your representative on the County Council and I would be honored to receive your vote.

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Whatcom County – Council District 2, Position A, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Ben Elenbaas

Elected Experience: Appointed to the Whatcom County Planning Commission 2012

Other Professional Experience: Owner of Farmer Ben's family farm. Past President of North Cascade Meats, a farmers cooperative. Employed in the operations department at Bp Cherry Point Refinery since 2001. 10 year member of CP Emergency Response Team.

Education: Graduate Lynden High School. Studied at Huxley College of the Environment at Western Washington University. Advanced Exterior Firefighter training, Texas A&M University.

Community Service: Volunteer with children's 4-H club. Little league football coach. Active with my children's cub scout pack.

Statement: "Farmer" Ben Elenbaas has a vision for Whatcom County. A fifth generation county resident, a farmer with deep roots in the local food and sustainability movement, a County Planning Commissioner, a BP Cherry Point employee and, a husband and father of three, Ben understands the importance of balance in decision making. "Too often discussions are presented

as "either/or" propositions," he says. "My experiences show me, almost daily, the solutions that might be possible when we all talk and cooperate to resolve issues that have tended to divide the community. We've lost the concept of balance in the public discussion. I want to restore the idea that people with a diversity of opinion can work together productively for the common good. Thriving cities and thriving rural areas are both important. Healthy economies are necessary for healthy environments. As an advocate for the food security locally grown products provide for us, the sustainability and jobs that our agricultural community provides, and the need to work on attracting and keeping companies providing family wage jobs, I've seen people with vastly differing views work together to achieve greatness for their community. I want to work to enable that kind of community building."

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Ken Mann

Elected Experience: Whatcom County Councilmember, 2010 - 2014. Planning Commission, 2004 - 2009.

Other Professional Experience: Co-owner of our local family business that renovates old commercial and residential buildings. 2001 - 2004, Civil engineering consultant on "green"

sustainable design and construction projects throughout the Northwest. 1990s, Wall Street equities trader, analyzed and controlled millions in trading positions. KGMI Radio talk show host.

Education: Carnegie Mellon University, BS, Civil Engineering, 2001; Tulane University, BA, Political Science, 1992

Community Service: Board Member - Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services, Transportation Authority, Opportunity Council. Volunteer/Member/Donor - Friendly Visitors, Humane Society, Sustainable Connections, Whatcom Business Alliance, WMBC, Conservation Northwest.

Statement: I love serving on the Whatcom County Council. It is a great privilege to represent the many talented, dedicated citizens working to improve our community. I will continue to bring my business experience, my dedication as an environmentalist, and my skills as an engineer to County government. I will listen.

My mission is to be responsible to our shared principles and values; responsible with our limited tax dollars; responsible for the environment and our natural resources; responsible to businesses, to the less-fortunate, to our children, and to their future. Endorsed by the Whatcom County Democrats, Washington Conservation Voters, and more.

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Whatcom County – Council District 3, Position A, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Carl Weimer

Elected Experience: Eight years on the Whatcom County Council serving as Chairman for two years. Chairman, Whatcom County Health Board & Whatcom County Flood Control Board. Joint Lake Whatcom Policy Group.

Other Professional Experience: U.S. Department of Transportation Technical Safety Committee; Governor appointed Committee on Pipeline Safety; Executive Director, Pipeline Safety Trust & RE Sources & The RE Stores; General Manager, Vanguard Northwest

Education: B.S., Natural Resources and Teaching Certificate, University of Michigan; A.A.S., Industrial Electronics Technology, Peninsula College

Community Service: Developmental Disabilities & Mental Health Advisory Boards; Economic Development Investment Board; Solid Waste Advisory Committee; Portage Bay & Drayton Harbor Shellfish Committees; Northwest Clean Air Agency Board

Statement: For the past eight years I have worked hard to implement the plans that the citizens of Whatcom County have volunteered their time to develop. We need to continue to focus

on preserving farmland, cleaning up Lake Whatcom, making improvements to our criminal justice system, better management of our community's growth, caring for those less fortunate, and doing all we can to create good local jobs.

The next County Council majority will make many critical decisions that will shape the future of our community for years to come. Some of those decisions include: Coming to a fact-based decision on coal export facility at Cherry Point; Drafting a plan to restore Lake Whatcom as required by the permit recently released by the Department of Ecology; Approving the plan for building a new jail that is the right size so as not to drain resources unnecessarily from other critical prevention programs; Moving forward with smart, strategic growth management planning to protect our farmland, water resources, and rural character.

I believe I have the education and experience critical to making rational decisions on such complex problems. I hope you think so too, and will vote for me in November.

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Michelle Luke

Elected Experience: Elected Planning Commission Vice Chair 2010, elected Chair 2011, 2012, 2013.

Other Professional Experience: Owned and operated hair salon for eight years. In 1984, I began working in the home furnishings industry with my husband Steve. Together, we built our

business from the ground up and now represent Northwest dealerships from Alaska to southern Washington to create product marketing and support their business success. We work with teams internationally, and in North America.

Education: Graduated from trade school in 1974. Attended State courses on local planning.

Community Service: Community activist including the Lummi Island sub-area and shoreline plans. I have worked locally to implement Plain Language.

Statement: As a longtime Whatcom County resident and grandmother I understand the need to protect our environment while enhancing our economy.

As your Planning Commissioner, I have worked hard to make positive change in local government for regular people. Clarifying and simplifying issues so they can be made understandable

and workable in the real world has been my primary goal. As an experienced business owner, I understand the features and benefits for local government to be "customer centered" and will work to connect citizens with their County government.

Three guiding principles serve me as Chair of the Planning Commission and will continue to guide my actions as Council Representative if you honor me with your vote.

Everybody matters: The job of a County Council person is to be everybody's representative. Respect your tax dollars: You work hard to keep your house in order and you deserve the same of your County government. I will keep your hard work in mind concerning County spending. Active Representation: Just as I have demonstrated in business and on the Planning Commission I will roll up my sleeves and help craft policies that do what they are intended to do and nothing more.

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Whatcom County – Council At-Large, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Bill Knutzen

Elected Experience: Currently serving as Whatcom County Council Member, At-Large position, elected 2009. School Board, Ebenezer Christian School, 2001-2005

Other Professional Experience: Owner, Communication 2000, provider of computer and cellular repair and service. Agent for S&V

Insurance Services. 16 years with Edaleen Dairy milking cows and delivering milk.

Education: Lynden High School, Skagit and Whatcom Community Colleges, and school of hard knocks.

Community Service: Computers for Kids in our Community, Project Homeless Connect, feeding homeless people with Church on the Street, Chambers of Commerce, Bellingham, Lynden, Anacortes, Ferndale and Skagit County. Foster care parent for three years.

Statement: As a fourth-generation Whatcom County resident, nothing is more important to me than our community and its future. As your County Councilmember, I have been a leader on fiscal restraint, sustainable environmental progress, and protecting farming.

I pushed to recognize commercial agriculture as a County policy priority. I developed a Forestry Advisory Committee and serve on several committees including, Public Health, Flood Advisory, Sheriff's Advisory, Planning and Development and Natural Resources.

The County Council needs to understand the struggles of regular people and I offer the experience of a hard-working father and businessman and a strong dose of common sense. I humbly ask for your vote.

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Rud Browne

Elected Experience: Appointed: Whatcom County Ethics Commission, Bellingham Public Development Authority, Lake Whatcom Watershed Advisory Board

Other Professional Experience: Former mechanic, commercial fisherman, successful entrepreneur/founder of a green computer

business (Ryzex) which created 360 jobs; honored with several environmental and "Best Work Place" awards; recognized as Whatcom County's Business person of the year (2004) and one of Ernst & Young's Entrepreneurs of the year (2007)

Education: Studied Engineering, Mechanics & Marketing. Private Pilot

Community Service: Brigid Collins Child Abuse & Family Support Center, US Coast Guard Auxiliary Aircrew, Rotary, Whatcom Community Foundation, WWU CEME Board, Bellingham City Club, St. Paul's Academy, Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access

Statement: For our children to stay and raise their families in Whatcom County, they need good family wage jobs. I have personally created over 100 private sector 21st Century jobs (Ryzex) here in Whatcom – and helped other businesses reduce waste and increase profits. There are lots more local jobs that can be

created using our recreational riches, our high tech potential, our great farming community and our entrepreneurial spirit. However, for this to happen we have to do better at blending business and environmental priorities, something I have a strong reputation of handling fairly. I'm a businessman with a proven history of protecting our environment and creating family wage jobs at the same time. My experience will help in the critical debate regarding the Coal train decision.

I also have a low tolerance for unnecessary government bureaucracy. Having worked with governments around the world, I'll apply my entrepreneur's approach to streamlining processes that haven't kept up with the times. I'm a product of the American dream: I started with nothing but an idea and built it into a very successful business and a fortunate life. With your vote, I will help make Whatcom the place our kids deserve.

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Port of Bellingham – Commissioner District 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Renata B. Kowalczyk

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: VP, JP Morgan Chase: Streamlined processes/technologies, developed/executed operational improvements. Six Sigma VP, Pershing LLC: Operational efficiency/management. VP, Merrill Lynch: Created new policies/procedures, and new organization within company. Coworking LLC: Developed coworking business. Founder, RenataBK: Strategic planning for downtown; train businesses in project management, accountability, efficiency, communication, local sources of funding.

Education: Baruch College - CUNY, BBA (Economics & Accounting), 1997. Columbia University Business School, MBA, 2004. Project Management Institute Certification, 2001.

Community Service: Volunteer work serving local organizations, including: Whatcom Community College, Northwest Agriculture Business Center, Kulshan Community Land Trust, Whatcom Investing Network. Account Director, Taproot Foundation. Creator, Economic Empowerment Initiative Partnership.

Statement: As Port Commissioner, I will work hard nurturing businesses large and small. I have a long career in finance, with a record of developing strategic partnerships. I am a champion for open government, a strong economy, and healthy community.

Having grown up in Poland, I have committed to a life in the United States building healthy and thriving communities. I believe our Port can be responsive to our County by working to achieve economic and environmental goals.

The Port can expand opportunities for businesses while supporting family wage jobs. I am committed to *putting the Port to work for you*.

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Dan Robbins

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Past President, Vice President, Director, Owner or Shareholder of Cost Cutter Toys, The Children's Co., Inc., Interlube Sales, The Hama Hama Company and Past Director of the Bank of Washington and the Whatcom Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Education: Bellingham High School 1962, US Army 1965-1971, Graduate Western Washington University 1968 BA Industrial Technology. 45 years in Business Management, Ownership in seven businesses, Director for nine companies.

Community Service: Counselor and Chapter Chairman of S.C.O.R.E. Bellingham Chapter 591, Washington State Health Commission Small Business Advisory Committee, Whatcom County "Blue Ribbon Panel", Bellingham Central Lions Club, Northwest Business Club and Assistance League of Bellingham.

Statement: Dan Robbins is a life-long resident of Whatcom County and married to Kathy Robbins, a retired school teacher. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Robbins wants to maximize Port property to create an area that will attract business, tourists and provide a quality waterfront for families to enjoy and be proud of. Done properly, this will create revenues that will continue to allow us to help pay for quality parks, law enforcement and our medic and fire systems.

Dan wants to keep job retention and creation at the forefront of the Ports priorities. He will apply his prudent management and effective business practices to the Port.

Robbins volunteers for many organizations including SCORE (Service Core of Retired Executives). SCORE serves as counselors to America's small businesses. He mentors over 90 businesses a year. Robbins is a member of the Bellingham Central Lions Club, the Bellingham Angel Group, and the Northwest Business Club.

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Port of Bellingham – Commissioner District 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Ken Bell

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Owner of Best Recycling, Inc. Owned and operated recycling facilities in Bellingham, Charleston West Virginia and New Westminster Canada. Ken also owned Panhandle Recycling in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Ken also owns Mass Thermal LLC, specializing in hazardous spill clean up.

Education: Wasson High School graduate 1976.

Ken has a BA in Biology from Colorado State University.

Community Service: Whatcom County Planning Commission 2011 to present. President of the Silver Beach Neighborhood Association. Member of Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Committee. Served as a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Bellingham Christian School Finance committee and served on the board of Northlake Community Church.

Statement: Ken brings a unique perspective to this office, as a successful businessman, he understands what is involved running day to day operations. He understands the importance of making policy and giving clear direction.

Ken's business has been responsible for importing and exporting Hazardous waste, solid waste, recyclable materials and valuable

commodities from Adak Alaska, Kangerluusaq Greenland, Antarctica, Vancouver B.C., and Southern California. He is a primary user of Ports.

With proper direction he believes that the Port of Bellingham can be a source of not just good paying jobs but great paying jobs.

Ken is involved in cleaning up properties in the most isolated areas of the Yukon territory and in Antarctica as well as here in the US. He has been involved in hazardous waste clean up activities including capping landfills, thermal treatment and waste removal operations.

He believes that the process needs to consider more than just quick fixes and lowest cost options. There are opportunity costs and long term ramifications that need to be factored into every clean up. He also understands the importance of a good working relationship with regulators.

He has been married to his wife Dee Dee for 20 years and has two daughters.

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Mike McAuley

Elected Experience: Port of Bellingham Commissioner - four years, Port of Bellingham Commission President - one year, Whatcom Council of Gov'ts board member, NW Econ. Council Board member, Puget Sound Partnership Representative for the Washington Public Ports Assoc.

Other Professional Experience: Small business owner, current owner of McAuley Builders, U.S. Marine Corps, Gulf War Veteran, nationally ranked mountain bike racer

Education: Graduate Centralia High School - Lewis County, BS in Urban Ecology, MS in Geography with land use policy focus, Graduate thesis on Growth Management in Whatcom County.

Community Service: Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission, Community Boating Center Board of Directors, NW Recreation Board of Directors, life-long Washington resident.

Statement: Commissioner McAuley works tirelessly to realign the Port with its core mission, providing transportation infrastructure and regional business support. Through careful management of your publicly owned properties, the port supports dozens of local companies employing thousands. McAuley brought critical thinking to waterfront planning and successfully advocated for more industrial land at the shipping terminal and zoning changes for marine trades. He also championed money saving upgrades and environmentally sound improvements. He stood strong in the face of a challenging change of executive directors and he knows "you" own the port. You won't find a more approachable, hard-working commissioner anywhere.

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City of Bellingham – Municipal Court Judge, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Debra Lev

Elected Experience: Bellingham Municipal Court Judge/City of Bellingham; Elected Municipal Court Judge, 2002-2005; 2006-2009; 2010 to present.

Other Professional Experience: Private attorney; Appointed Court Commissioner of Bellingham Municipal Court; Judge Pro Tempore

for the cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Sumas, Everson, Nooksack, and Whatcom County; Assigned Counsel (City of Bellingham); Deputy District Attorney (PA); Associate Editor (MI)

Education: Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, Stetson University College of Law; BA University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Community Service: School Volunteer – Bellingham School District; Outreach programs providing court education to students; Volunteer Lawyer Program/Street Law

Statement: It has been my privilege to serve as Bellingham's Municipal Court Judge for the past 11 years. With 21 years of judicial experience, and working alongside our dedicated court staff, during my three terms Bellingham Municipal Court implemented many innovative programs meeting the growing needs of our community.

In 2004, I established Whatcom County's first Domestic Violence Court. It has proven to be very successful. Other successful programs have included community outreach opportunities with local elementary and middle school students and volunteer courtesy calls reminding citizens of their court dates to avoid penalties for missing court.

Thank You.

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City of Bellingham – Council Ward 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Gene Knutson

Elected Experience: Elected to Bellingham City Council 1993, Re Elected 1997, 2001, 2005, 2009. Council President 1995, 1999, 2006, 2010. Finance Chair 1995, 1999, 2006, 2008, 2009. Fire Pension Board 1995, 1999, 2006, 2008, 2009. Police Pension Board 1995, 1999, 2006, 2010.

Other Professional Experience: Current occupation, Bellingham Cold Storage 38 years.

Education: Bellingham High School, Whatcom Community College

Community Service: Exalted Ruler Elks Club #194, 1986-89, Bellingham Central Lions Club, Member of Assumption Catholic Church, AWC Leadership Award 1997

Statement: It has been my honor to serve on the Bellingham City Council for the last 20 years. Bellingham is filled with wonderful people to work with from the council members, to the city employees, and most of all the citizens of Bellingham. Together we have made Bellingham the greatest city in the world. I have lived the Bellingham dream all of my life and I want that for the people of Bellingham. I want to thank the citizens of Bellingham for all of their support over the years. It has been my honor to work for you. I ask for your support.

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City of Bellingham – Council Ward 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Pinky Vargas

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: Energy Efficiency Outreach Manager at Puget Sound Energy (PSE). Serves on Greenways Advisory Committee and the Center for New Media board. Member of Sustainable Connections, National Women's Political Caucus, Whatcom and

Ferndale Chambers of Commerce, Whatcom Business Alliance, Northwest Business Club, and Bellingham City Club.

Education: Pursuing Degree in Political Science at Whatcom Community College

Community Service: Locally known advocate for the environment and community, Habitat for Humanity, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association volunteer, production leader and consultant for Ignition Northwest Arts Council, Leadership Whatcom Alumni, community organizing and canvassing for Obama for America, personal mentor educator of women's health and development

Statement: Pinky Vargas will bring her global perspective and proven track record of local leadership to protecting Lake Whatcom's water quality, ensuring progress of our waterfront development, and supporting our local businesses to thrive. Pinky is motivated by her sense of responsibility to our community, our environment, and each other. Pinky's experience managing complex projects and work in Energy Efficiency will ensure Bellingham is on a sustainable path towards economic prosperity. Pinky's commitment to energy and action has earned her endorsements from: Mayor Kelli Linville, City Council Members Snapp, Lehman, Knutson, and Fleetwood, Whatcom Democrats, and Washington Conservation Voters, and more.

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City of Bellingham – Council Ward 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term (Cont.)



Clayton Petree

Elected Experience: I have not yet served on Council.

Other Professional Experience: I have work experience in bicycle research, design, production, and quality control. In addition, I have assembly line supervision, CNC programming, part inventory scheduling, human resource

functions (hiring, termination, payroll, labor union relations), lift truck operator, certification instructor. My business provides research, business and grant writing, community consulting, and political relations.

Education: I earned my Bachelor of Science at Western Washington University and have completed classes on planning with the Urban Land Institute and Law Seminars International.

Community Service: I worked to re-establish the Whatcom Falls Neighborhood Association and spend time maintaining the Galbraith trail system.

Statement: I am running for the Ward 4 Bellingham City Council seat because I want to ensure that current and future generations have access to clean water, fresh air, and a good job.

Lake Whatcom will always be on my priority list. Runoff has been a problem for too long and I will focus on projects proven to reduce pollution into the lake.

Local business provides the jobs and revenue for Bellingham to be successful. When business does well here, it lifts us all economically. We need to attract companies that will put Bellingham to work. The waterfront redevelopment is our chance to create a beautiful job space with abundant public waterfront access. Good planning will provide more customers in the downtown area and help strengthen our business core. I understand the importance of balancing infill with the preservation of neighborhood character.

I work locally as a freelance journalist and community consultant, writing on a diverse set of topics from business and grant applications to biomass cogeneration and small scale farming. I have also worked as a bicycle designer, product manager, and manufacturing plant manager. My wife Jana owns and operates her own business in the downtown Bellingham area.

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City of Bellingham – Council Ward 6, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Michael Lilliquist

Elected Experience: Bellingham City Council

Other Professional Experience: Neuropsychometrist; behavioral neuroscience researcher; college instructor

Education: B.A. History and B.S. Psychology from University of Washington; Ph.D. in Behavioral Neuroscience from University of Texas at

Austin; Advanced Paralegal Certificate from Edmonds Community College; Certificate of Municipal Leadership, AWC.

Community Service: Current service includes board of Downtown Bellingham Partnership, board of Sustainable Connections, board of Bellingham/Whatcom Tourism, and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County. Past service includes member of Lake Whatcom Watershed Advisory Board, Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission, Futurewise Whatcom steering committee, Board of Trustees Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, Larrabee Elementary Site Council, and School Superintendent's Parents Advisory Council.

Statement: Bellingham is a great city, and I feel fortunate to be able to work on your behalf to help keep it that way.

In my first term serving the people of Bellingham, I have taken a leading role protecting and building Bellingham's future: secur-

ing reliable funding to actually restore the water quality in Lake Watcom (not just slowing the rate of decline); increasing investment in roads and utilities to avoid the problems (and costs) of neglect; protecting neighborhoods; and championing economic prosperity citywide through the first-ever economic development chapter of the city's comprehensive plan.

My leadership style is pro-active, approachable, and focused on workable solutions. I have taken the initiative on small issues, like outdated parking rules, public recycling bins, and city policies on neighborhood traffic calming and safety. At the same time, I have not shied away from big issues that resist easy answers – such as the proposed coal terminal. While the coal project will significantly impact Bellingham, especially our Waterfront redevelopment, the decision lies in the hands of the County Council. I ask all Bellingham voters to not only support my re-election, but also support County Council candidates who will protect Whatcom's future.

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City of Bellingham – Council At-Large, Nonpartisan 2-Year Term



Roxanne Murphy

Elected Experience: I'm working to earn this seat on Bellingham City Council.

Other Professional Experience: Eighth Generation Member of the Nooksack Indian Tribe and Assistant Administrator with the Nooksack Tribal Government. Award-winning Community Relations Specialist, City of Tacoma, Economic

Development Department. Community Outreach Specialist, Woodland Park Zoo. Communications Representative, Weyerhaeuser Company.

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Communications, Central Washington University. Master's Degree in Public Administration, The Evergreen State College.

Community Service: Advocating for and supporting Bellingham's small, locally-owned businesses. Improving neighborhood safety on G Street. Promoting cycling as a member of the Mount Baker Bicycle Club and a competitor in local races. Reducing my own carbon footprint.

Statement: I'm running for City Council because I believe in Bellingham and I'm committed to preserving and improving the quality of life in this place we call home.

I thank everyone who helped me earn 51 percent of the vote in the three-way Primary Election and I'm asking for your vote in the Nov. 5 General Election.

Throughout my career, I've worked to connect citizens with their government and I'll bring that passion and experience to the job of protecting Lake Whatcom, redeveloping our waterfront and downtown, supporting Bellingham's businesses, and keeping streets safe.

As an avid outdoor enthusiast, I'll also support the tremendous recreational opportunities here.

I've been endorsed by the Bellingham Herald, Whatcom County Democrats, Washington Conservation Voters, Northwest Washington Central Labor Council, Bellingham/Whatcom County Firefighters, Whatcom County Association of Realtors, Teamsters Local 231, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 21, Bellingham Mayor Kelli Linville and six Bellingham City Councilmembers.

Every week, I work to increase the livelihood and well-being of my fellow Nooksack tribal members. Now, I'm seeking your support so I can use all of these experiences to improve the quality of life in Bellingham for *you* and every single person in *your* tribe!

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Bob Burr

Elected Experience: President, CCS, International. Several elected offices in Democratic Party before it compromised its values. Currently elected Treasurer of, and endorsed by, the Green Party of Whatcom County.

Other Professional Experience: VP in charge of Research and Development for large East-

Coast Fortune 500 Company before retiring to Bellingham in 1995. Owner of Bellingham-based, national research and consulting business from 1996 to 2007.

Education: Psychology Undergraduate studies/degree at UC Berkeley; Graduate at Claremont Graduate University.

Community Service: Police Selection Board--City of Los Angeles. Numerous activist/leadership roles in environmental/human rights/civic/peace/justice/LGBT/women's and government/political reform organizations.

Statement: I am not a party-controlled, wishy-washy, double speak, contribution-subservient, values-deprived politician. I am the No Coal, No Bull candidate for City Council. I will vociferously fight coal transport/coal export and the Cherry Point terminal, introducing crystal clear resolutions and legislation that

will force other Council members to take a stand. When 10,000+ Bellingham voters sign a Community Bill of Rights initiative and the City sues, blocking your very right to vote, that is simply unacceptable. It is disrespectful. And, so I run against the machine.

Because of what I will sponsor, a vote for Bob Burr is a vote for the following: a coal-free Bellingham; a working, living wage waterfront rather than a waterfront for the wealthy; a reservoir (Lake Whatcom) that is actually protected; partial public financing of City elections; a City friendlier to deal with; a surveillance-drone free Bellingham; a rental-housing inspection program; a city which listens better to you including those in the large student population; and a City that speaks out on important issues. I want your vote, but not your money. No contributions accepted. Vote for Respect. Vote for Change. Vote for Bob Burr!

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City of Blaine – Council Ward 1 Position 1, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term

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Submitted

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City of Blaine – Council Ward 1 Position 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Bonnie Onyon

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City of Blaine – Council Ward 2 Position 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Charlie Hawkins

Elected Experience: 2 terms on Blaine City Council.

Other Professional Experience: 35 years fishing in Puget Sound and Alaska on gillnetters, purse seiners, fish tenders and crab boats, operated a local cafe and I now work as a bus driver for Blaine School District.

Education: In 1964 I graduated from Blaine HS and attended Skagit Valley College and WWU.

Community Service: As a life long Blaine resident I have volunteered at Good Samaritan Society - Stafholt, and Blaine Giving Tree. I have been a member of the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Board and worked with the Port of Bellingham Advisory Board, Stormwater Committee, and the Blaine Park Board.

Statement: The responsibility of the Blaine City Council members is to represent the people in their Ward, and the city as whole.

As a Council member I will continue to make decisions in the best interest of the city of Blaine. I will strive to bring economic stability. I will focus on the issues that matter most. I will make it my goal to preserve our small town integrity while preparing us for the future.

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Brian Thomasson

Elected Experience: This is my first time running for public office.

Other Professional Experience: I have worked in the real estate industry for the last three years; first as a property manager, and currently as a real estate broker/consultant with Keller Williams Realty.

Education: Graduated from Western Washington University in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Sociology and with a minor in Business Administration.

Community Service: I have been involved with and served at Hillcrest Chapel for the last nine years volunteering different capacities. Other volunteer activities have included Project Homeless Connect, visiting senior centers and manual labor for community projects.

Statement: I am thrilled to have this opportunity to represent you, my Blaine community, on City Council. I want to be a

listening ear, to hear what your goals and desires are for our beautiful city. Blaine is a gateway and for the most part, people are passing through without much thought. There is so much potential to take Blaine from the city that people drive by, to a city that people want to stop in and stay for a while. I am eager to get us excited about potential developments for our town and am looking forward to partnering and strategizing with the council and you, the community, to see these goals come to fruition. Two of my strongest assets are my keen sense of entrepreneurship and business dynamics. I want to use these strengths to explore how we can work together to grow and strengthen the small business community of Blaine. I am confident that we can come together and make Blaine and its citizens better than it is today. I look forward to serving you as your next Blaine City Council representative.

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City of Blaine – Council Ward 3 Position 6, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Henry (Paul) Greenough

Elected Experience: Blaine City Council, 2009--2112

Other Professional Experience: US Foreign Service Officer (Retired)

Education: MA, PhD Indiana University; BA DePauw University

Community Service: Whatcom County Transit Authority Board of Directors; Blaine Planning Commission

Statement: Blaine is blessed with its coastal location and rich natural endowment. How to use this endowment wisely is the most important question facing us today. Fortunately Blaine continues to attract a diverse and dynamic group of people who work together, formally and informally, to make Blaine a better place to live.

I am committed to finding equitable and sustainable ways of enabling the people of Blaine to solve our problems locally. My goal is to create a better community for our grandchildren, one they will thank us for two generations from now.

I believe in tempering optimism about our future with financial caution and prudence. This approach means that Blaine has weathered the recent national downturn successfully, and is now well-positioned to participate in the economic recovery.

Please join me in searching for solutions that benefit all the people of Blaine, today and tomorrow, fairly.

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City of Blaine – Council At-Large Position 7, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

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City of Everson – Mayor, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

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City of Everson – Council Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

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City of Everson – Council Position 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

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City of Ferndale – Council Position 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Robert W. Hakim

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: I currently work in film production.

Education: I am a self-taught man.

Community Service: During my 13 years living in Ferndale I have worked on many community-

based projects.

Statement: My desire is to bring able, far seeing principled conduct of public affairs with me into the Ferndale City Council and to be a voice for the ones in our community who don't

have one. To bring diversity into the council chambers from a minority council member who would work with what we already have by digging deeper into each agenda item and guaranteeing a continued working relationship with the Lummi Nation. Council member Jon Mutchler and I are comparable on many of the same issues, such as the gas tax and the Lummi proposal. When elected I would challenge our able city council members to search for uncharted avenues to raise city revenues instead of imposing higher fees and taxes.

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Jon Mutchler

Elected Experience: City Council, serving on Finance/Administration, Planning/Land Use, and Public Health/Neighborhood Services committees; council liaison to Ferndale Planning Commission, Ferndale Downtown Association, and Community Service Cooperative.

Other Professional Experience: Pastor, Ferndale Alliance Church (25 years); professional pianist and teacher (35 years); driver-trainer, Holland American Westours; faculty, Blaine Jazz Festival; Ferndale Chamber of Commerce.

Education: Master of Divinity, Regent College, Vancouver, B.C.; Bachelor of Music, Western Washington University; Associate of Science degree, Olympic College, Bremerton, WA.

Community Service: Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic board; Ferndale Schools levy committee (1989); volunteer builder for Whatcom-Skagit Housing ("self-help" homes); Whatcom County Old Settlers Association.

Statement: I have served with integrity, honesty, and thoughtfulness with a simple goal in mind: that my seven children will look back and say, "Dad, you and Ferndale got it right and strengthened our city's future when you made those tough

choices." My priority and style have been to be accessible and available to all citizens and communicate clearly city challenges. I supported all efforts for transparency and initiated new ones.

I put our city's bright future first in my decisions even when it disappointed friends and colleagues or challenged ideologies. In disagreement I've not succumbed to being disagreeable. I do my homework and balance the immediate need with a long-term vision.

Ferndale is on the right course: one of fiscal discipline and responsibility, while still maintaining quality essential services. We're moving forward with needed improvements like upgraded roads, better infrastructure, a modern police station, and (thanks to you) a new library.

We're a safe, healthy, smart-growth small city that's "coming of age" wisely by planning ahead for anticipated development at I-5. Economic progress will come, but not at the sacrifice of our quality of life and small town values. Thank you for your trust and confidence.

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City of Ferndale – Council Position 6, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Carol Bersch

Elected Experience: first time candidate

Other Professional Experience: owner of Carol's Cake Designs, a custom design retail bakery. Certified in many areas of the sugar arts. Prior to living in WA worked for 18 years at the University of Alabama in budgets, financial accounting and payroll. Established the

Women's Center on campus in 1992.

Education: attended the University of Texas - El Paso, The University of New Mexico and The University of Alabama.

Community Service: faculty advisor for Omicron Delta Kappa, senior honor society, faculty advisor for Sigma Kappa sorority, the University Honors Program. I donate many cakes to local charities, organizations, fundraising events and benefits each month.

Statement: I am running for Ferndale City Council position #6. I firmly believe the citizens of Ferndale deserve leadership that has the community's best interest foremost in their minds. If elected, I will be one who will always make decisions in the best

interests of the city, our citizens and our future. I have a strong economic mindset for development while maintaining a *gate keepers* attitude about taxpayers dollars. I am an advocate for the sustainability of small business and helping those businesses thrive as they bring revenue and jobs into the community. I really want to see downtown Ferndale grow into a fun family oriented community.

Since opening my shop Carol's Cake Designs located on 2016 Main Street I have become very involved with the Ferndale Community. I was Ferndale Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year for 2012. I am now on their Board of Directors. I am also a member of the Ferndale Kiwanis Club and also serve as a Board Member.

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Eric Kelton

Elected Experience: No information submitted

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: I am currently the Vice President of the Bellingham Men's Softball Association and I also volunteer on the Pacific Highlands Homeowners Association Board

Statement: I was born and raised in Ferndale and am a 2000 graduate of Ferndale High School. I am currently the Vice President of the Bellingham Men's Softball Association and I also volunteer on the Pacific Highlands Homeowners Association Board. After high school and during high school, I worked at Cedars Restaurant. I have also worked for a seafood processing company in Alaska, where I loaded product for international and domestic markets. I am currently employed by Ershigs Inc. As

a young man raising a family in Ferndale, I want to both serve my community and ensure my children have a wonderful place to call home when they're ready to start their own families. As a city council member, I will work to improve the quality of life for everyone in Ferndale by focusing on parks and living-wage jobs for families. I will also focus on the economic growth of Ferndale by working with the Chamber of Commerce and other business organizations to bring more retail companies to Ferndale. I would also like to work on improving downtown traffic flow, and finding ways to improve Ferndale without having to ask the community to raise taxes.

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City of Ferndale – Council Position 7, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Stacy Miller

Elected Experience: Community Boards

Other Professional Experience: Stanwood WA Migrant Headstart/ECEAP Teacher; Skagit County Community Action Housing Director; Employment Security Veterans and WorkFirst Program Manager; Whatcom Domestic Violence Commission Program Manager

Education: Central Arizona College

Community Service: Pride Foundation, FCCB Mission and Justice Board, Former Chair Kulshan Community Land Trust, Washington State Coalition to End Homelessness

Statement: I moved to Ferndale 12 years ago from Skagit County, where I worked for 12 years for Skagit County Community Action (SCCA). In my last position with SCCA, I managed 5 programs and maintained a budget of approximately 1.4 million dollars. I am currently working for the Whatcom Domestic

Violence Commission. I work closely with the Ferndale School District, Lummi Victims of Crime, Ferndale Police Department, and County service providers on a dating violence prevention program for Ferndale schools.

For more than 15 years, I worked closely with County commissioners, city councils, and state representatives on issues regarding affordable housing, early childhood education, and Veterans employment. I am comfortable working with elected officials and their constituents to solve local problems. As a Council person, I will work to bring living wage jobs to Ferndale. The thing I am most proud of, in my career, has been my ability to bring everyone to the table for a common goal, working through the challenges and getting the group to a consensus that is a win for everyone. I believe it is essential for us all to work together to solve our problems.

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Brent W. Goodrich

Elected Experience: Ferndale City Council four years.

Other Professional Experience: Maintenance Director at Spring Creek Retirement & Assisted Living. Two years Ferndale Planning Commission. Current Council liaison and past president of the Ferndale Economic Development commission. Master Instructor United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Education: Geography major specializing in aerial photography and remote sensing at California Polytechnic University, Pomona, California.

Community Service: Community service has been important to Brent. He has served as a volunteer fire fighter, citizen patrol officer, vessel examiner, urban search and rescue team member, and president Ferndale Community Coordinating Association. He is currently a member of the Ferndale Heritage Society.

Statement: When Brent was elected to the council four years ago the city was facing the effects of the economic slowdown. Tough decisions had and still have to be made. One of those

decision was to go ahead with the construction of a new police station. Brent supported that decision. Today we have seen the completion of the police station, the start of construction for a new library, and the improvements to Main Street.

With approximately 80% of Ferndale's potential sales tax revenue leaving the city, Brent has been a strong advocate for businesses large and small. He has also been an advocate for our contractors and has presented ways to make building in Ferndale more attractive. Ferndale needs retail development and Brent will make sure it is done right. While serving on the Planning Commission Brent worked on the retail design standards currently adopted by the city and the updating of the commercial/retail zones.

Ferndale is changing into a community unto itself. This growth presents challenges and if done correctly, Ferndale can and will be a model for other cities to pattern themselves after.

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City of Lynden – Mayor, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Scott Korthuis

Elected Experience: Mayor, Lynden WA (2010-present)

Other Professional Experience: Manager, Oxbo International Corporation (Lynden, 1988-present); Process Engineer, Georgia-Pacific (Bellingham, 1982-1988)

Education: University of Washington, BS Chemical Engineering, BS Mechanical Engineering (1982); Professional Engineer (1989)

Community Service: Currently serving as Board Member for Jansen Art Center and WTA; Advisory Board Member for Bellingham Technical College; former Board Member for Providence Christian College (CA), Lynden Christian Schools and two local churches.

Statement: Exciting things are on the horizon for Lynden. I'm looking forward to the completion and start-up of our water treatment plant -- the largest public project in our history. I believe my experience and leadership will also be valuable during the transition of our new City Administrator. Having worked hard to build consensus and alliances, I hope additional civic improvements will also be achieved during my tenure as Mayor. Optimistic for progress and eager to serve my fellow citizens for another four years, I would be honored by your continued vote of confidence.

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City of Lynden – Council Position 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Rex E. Dudley

Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Career Army Officer. Retired in 1999; District Executive, Boy Scouts of America; Shop Manager, Bellingham Technical College; CEO, Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Northwest Washington

Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree, The Colorado College; Command and General Staff College

Community Service: Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America; Big Brother with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America; Rotary Club of Bellingham; Board Member, Lighthouse Mission

Statement: Lynden is a wonderful place to live. My wife and I have resided here for 14 years while raising our two children. We appreciate the family values of our city. As a City Council member I plan to support Mayor Korthuis with his emphasis on bringing an anchor retail store to the Guide Meridian, rejuvenating the downtown area through private investment, smart residential growth, and infrastructure maintenance.

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Nick H. Laninga

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted.

Education: No information submitted.

Community Service: No information submitted.

Statement: I would like to thank the citizens of Lynden for their past support and would consider it a privilege to continue to represent them on the Lynden City Council Position 5.

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City of Lynden – Council Position 6, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Tobey Gelder

Elected Experience: 2013 marks my 7th year as a Member of the Lynden City Council

Other Professional Experience: Licensed Insurance Agent: Washington State for 25 years. Small Business Owner: 15 years

Education: Western Washington University - BA, Associate in Risk Management (ARM) - Insurance Institute of America

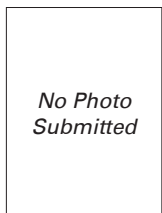
Community Service: Chairman: Lynden Chamber of Commerce, Lynden Planning Commission, Rotary (Paul Harris Fellow), Peace Corps Volunteer (Somalia)

Statement: It has been my privilege to serve the Citizens of Lynden as their City Council Representative, Position 6, since 2007. I will continue to work hard to bring your voice to the deliberations of the Council. My particular interest areas are Finance, Public Works, and the expansion of Lynden's trail system. Balancing the needs of the City with current revenue involves difficult choices and constant attention. Your view on City issues and your Vote would be appreciated.

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City of Lynden – Council Position 7, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



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City of Nooksack – Mayor, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

*No Photo
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No statement submitted.

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City of Nooksack – Council Position 1, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4-Year Term

*No Photo
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City of Nooksack – Council Position 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

*No Photo
Submitted*

Daniel Bennett

No statement submitted.

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City of Nooksack – Council Position 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

*No Photo
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City of Sumas – Mayor, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

*No Photo
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City of Sumas – Council Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

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No statement submitted.

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City of Sumas – Council Position 2, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4-Year Term

*No Photo
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City of Sumas – Council Position 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

*No Photo
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Michael Quinn

No statement submitted.

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No information submitted.

Bellingham School District 501 - Director Position 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Steven Smith

Elected Experience: Bellingham School District, Director, 4 years

Other Professional Experience: Twenty years as an accounting instructor - 14 years at WWU. Twenty-seven years of accounting and finance experience.

Education: BBA Accounting, Iowa State University; M.S. Accounting, Oklahoma State University; Ph.D. Accounting, Arizona State University

Community Service: Bellingham Public Schools Foundation, ex officio

Statement: Our schools should be places that our children are safe to explore new ideas, inspired to reach their highest potential, and provide a multi-faceted education. Each child should have an education that enhances their unique strengths, which means that the curriculum should provide a solid foundation and yet be flexible enough to meet individual student needs. Arts and music education help students develop creative thinking.

Self-confidence and a strong work ethic provide students with *structural integrity*, so that when failures occur students are able to learn from them and carry on. Working together - educators, parents, and community - we can provide a quality education to all students. If you reelect me as your school board member, I will continue to seek your counsel, listen to your concerns, approach issues with an open mind, and work to make Bellingham's schools centers for academic excellence for all children.

My core beliefs for public education: A strong foundation in reading, writing, and math is imperative; Students must learn strategies to solve complex problems; Sometimes, learning requires a strong work ethic, perseverance and uninterrupted concentration; Quality teachers, staff and administrators are the most important asset of the school district.

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John H. Blethen

Elected Experience: Chaired Bellingham food co-operative, President Fairhaven Neighbors, three time board chair both Parks Board and the Greenways Committee

Other professional experience: Owner new Whatcom Interiors, Building Industry Association; Co-chair of the Larrabee PTA

Education: BA Antioch College, MED in industrial Arts WWU.

Community Service: Helped plan the original Bellingham Food Co-op, Served on Mayors Advisory; the original greenways Committee. Co- chaired the last Greenways levy. Six years Parks Committee, 14 years Greenways Committee. Ten years Waterfront Visioning Committee; Bay Foundation; Waterfront Advisory Committee. Served PTA at Larrabee School. Built community gardens and trails: active in the Farmer's market and a Resources" Environmental Hero"

Statement: Building community has been much of my adult life focus and I have worked hard saving open space as legacy

for the future. But I know, and you know, the most important resource that we have is our kids. I am running for school board because I am concerned that the cost of education is rising, but student learning is not. We are looking at substantial new taxes to build facilities which will not reduce class size, the best tool for improving learning. While we need new school facilities, this need not happen at the expense of walk able community schools. We need to get school planning on the same page as neighborhood planning. It is also troubling to see our best principals moved to new administrative jobs at the expense of smaller class size and effective school leadership. . Our schools are focused on educating for college bound kids at the expense of kids who need other skills. Clearly, it is a time to look for innovative ways to educate our kids for a changing world. I pledge that I will participate actively in clear and transparent processes to lead our schools forward.

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Bellingham School District 501 - Director Position 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



Scott Stockburger

Elected Experience: It has been an honor to serve for the past four years as your representative on the Bellingham School Board.

Other Professional Experience: I serve as a physician at St. Joseph Hospital, providing hospital services for Family Care Network. Previously, I have had my own clinic as a solo family doctor, and I have worked at Sea Mar Community Health Center.

Education: M.D. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Community Service: I am active in the Episcopal Church in Whatcom County, and I occasionally serve as a parent volunteer in my children's schools.

Statement: As the only parent of Bellingham School District students serving on the School Board, I offer a unique perspective to my fellow directors and the superintendent.

And although we represent all residents of our district, I have a calling to speak up for those who are traditionally under-represented.

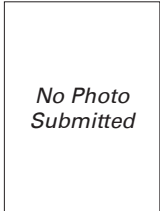
If reelected to the Bellingham School Board, I pledge that I will listen to the voters, and listen to our children; and I will do my best to represent all of you, all of the time.

Thank you for your support and your vote.

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Ferndale School District 502 - Director District 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



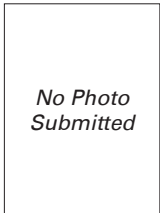
Lee Anne Riddle

No statement submitted.

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Ferndale School District 502 - Director District 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



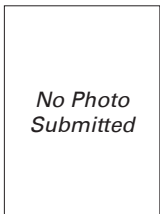
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Blaine School District 503 - Director District 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



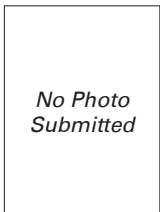
Susan Holmes

No statement submitted.

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Blaine School District 503 - Director District 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



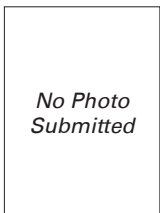
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Lynden School District 504 - Director Position 2, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term



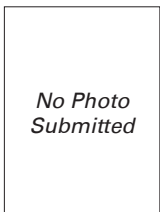
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Lynden School District 504 - Director Position 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



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Lynden School District 504 - Director Position 5, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
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Meridian School District 505 - Director District 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
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Meridian School District 505 - Director District 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
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Nooksack Valley School District 506 - Director District 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
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Nooksack Valley School District 506 - Director District 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
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Mt. Baker School District 507 - Director District 1, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4-Year Term

No Photo
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Brian Kelly

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Mt. Baker School District 507 - Director District 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
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Concrete School District 11 - Director District 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Rae (Crissie) Wilson

No statement submitted.

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Concrete School District 11 - Director District 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

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No statement submitted.

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Concrete School District 11 - Director District 4 At-Large, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Bill Thompson

No statement submitted.

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 1 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
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Gary D. Almy

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 4 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term



Mary Beth Neal

Elected Experience: Current Whatcom County Fire District 4 Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience: 11 years reporting for the Lynden Tribune. During that time, I became very familiar with Whatcom County's fire agencies and Emergency Medical Services. The past 10 years I have worked as an insurance provider with Aflac.

Education: Graduate of Seattle Christian High School; Graduate of Western Washington University, journalism degree.

Community Service: Former board member of Support Officer Community Crisis Care and The Lighthouse Mission.

Statement: It has been an honor to serve the residents of Fire District 4 the past six years as one of three elected fire commissioners. I am excited about many of the changes the district has seen since I took office, including our contract for services with

North Whatcom Fire and Rescue Services. In the past decade, the district has grown from an all volunteer department to a combination of part-time paid and full-time career firefighter/EMTs. The Britton Loop headquarters station is now staffed around-the-clock with career firefighters responding to 911 emergency medical calls as well as fires.

Many citizens are unaware of the chain of response set off by a call to 911. They simply trust that their taxes are being well managed to provide them with prompt, effective service if the day comes they have to dial those three digits. I take that trust seriously. However, I believe it is important that citizens be kept informed. I will strive to maintain a well-managed, well-coordinated emergency response team that our citizens and responders can count on today and into the future.

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 5 - Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term

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Submitted

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 5 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6-Year Term

**Jeff Wilmot**

Elected Experience: Currently serving Point Roberts as a Fire Commissioner since March of 2013 to fulfill the unexpired term of a commissioner who resigned.

Other Professional Experience: Retired Publisher and Tourism Professional. Owner and founder of Media HI; founded The Dallas

Observer, worked as an advertising executive, and was Marketing Director and management executive with Douglas Elliman Real Estate in New York.

Education: BA Degree; Vassar College 1975

Community Service: Executive Committee member; Hawai'i

Chapter of the American Red Cross serving on the Board of Commissioners; Point Roberts Fire District 5 Member, Committee to Build Asphalt Green, New York Board, Boundary View Homeowners Association, Point Roberts, WA

Statement: Commissioner Wilmot believes that integrity, ethics, transparency and good stewardship are the keys to insuring our Fire District delivers the maximum benefit to the community of Point Roberts. "There is no room for arrogance or complacency as we address policies, operations and budget management. I look forward to continuing the effort to restore trust between the District and our community."

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No Photo
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Craig Carter

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 7 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

**Michael Murphy**

Elected Experience: I have been a fire commissioner for District 7 for the past 17 years and volunteer for the past 27 years.

Other Professional Experience: For the past 24 years I have worked for the Ferndale School District as the Director of Facilities as well as the Director of Transportation for most of this time.

Education: I have an ATA in business administration and throughout the years I have taken numerous classes to enhance my skills.

Community Service: Volunteer fire fighter for WCFD #7; Sheriff's Advisory Committee; VP for Whatcom County Fire Commissioner's Association; Treasurer for the Whatcom County Fire Commissioner's Association; Member of the 911 Board

Statement: I am a life long resident of Whatcom County where I have enjoyed being involved in serving my community as your commissioner.

In the past 18 years, WCFD #7 has come to be recognized as a leader in EMS and a first class fire district. I am proud to be a part of this and am looking forward to once again serving you.

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 8 - Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Roger Buswell

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 8 - Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Cheryl Sanders

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 8 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term

No Photo
Submitted

Robert Neher

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 11 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Bill Lee

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted.

Education: No information submitted.

Community Service: No information submitted.

Statement: Two of the most important infrastructure systems on Lummi Island are the Lummi Island Ferry and Whatcom Fire District NO. 11. The ferry is a highly visible part

of islander's lives and has been of wide concern to all islanders in last few years. Perhaps less obvious to community members is the Fire District, however, when the services it provides are needed there is nothing more important. Lummi Island has an outstanding Fire District and I am running for the Commissioner 3 Position to assist in assuring District 11's continued excellence.

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 14 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term



RobRoy M. Graham, Jr.

Elected Experience: Served as Commissioner for the past four years

Other Professional Experience: Have operated my own business since 1977.

Education: Graduate of WWU in 1976 with a bachelors degree in Biology.

Community Service: Have been a member of Welcome Fire Dept. since April, 1987

Statement: I have spent the past four years learning what is involved in keeping a fire district operational. I have some ideas I would like to see incorporated into District policy to help make firefighters and EMS responders jobs safer and at the same time provide the best service possible to the community members we serve. I look forward to this opportunity to accomplish these goals.

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 16 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 17 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Michael Burnett

No statement submitted.

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No information submitted.

Whatcom County Fire Protection District 18 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Tari Caswell

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 21 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Roger Hawley

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Whatcom County Fire Protection District 21 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

**Dean Berkeley**

Elected Experience: Dean has served as past Vice President of the Sedro Woolley Fire Department Association. Dean has been elected as a past President and Treasurer of his HOA in Dakota Creek Community.

Other Professional Experience: Dean is a pilot, and is the owner of West Coast Engineer-

ing Group Inc.

Education: Graduate of BCIT in the industrial power transmission industry and a graduate of Business at Kwantlen College. Fire Fighter 1 training and is Washington State hazmat certified.

Community Service: Volunteer fire fighter for over 10 years. Dean raised funds for the Burned Children Recovery Foundation. Dean donated \$7000.00 in lighting poles to the Sedro Woolley Skate Park.

Statement: My goal is to bring back a strong community involvement with the volunteer fire service. My first priorities are to muster new and old volunteers in the NWFR community and then review their needs and make sure they are met. In these tough economic times, volunteers are crucial to our success as a community. A strong healthy fire service is a strong healthy community. I am asking you to let me be your voice, as I have the ability, the energy and the desire to revitalize the community spirit to attract more volunteer fire fighters, which we need so much.

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Glacier Fire and Rescue - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Steve Siekkinen

No statement submitted.

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No information submitted.

South Whatcom Fire Authority - Commissioner District 5, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

**Jim Peeples**

Elected Experience: 1st Time Candidate

Other Professional Experience: Retired-SWFA Division Chief-Special Rescue, Retired-WCFD#2/SWFA Volunteer Firefighter-EMT-Paramedic-Rescue Instructor 27 years, Retired-Bellingham Fire Fighter 20 years, Past-Senior EMT Instructor, Current-Rescue Instruc-

tor, Past- Private Ambulance Company Manager-Shift Supervisor-Paramedic. 40 years of experience in Emergency Services.

Education: AS in Emergency Medical Technology - Paramedic from Chemeketa Community College, Salem OR 1982. Various Emergency Services Continuing Education through Wash State Dept of Health and Fire Service 1976-2013.

Community Service: Whatcom Co Search & Rescue, Bellingham Mountain Rescue, Fire Fighters for Fun, Ski-to-Sea Safety Teams and WCFD#2/SWFA Community Events.

Statement: As a lifelong resident of our community, it would be an honor to represent my fellow residents of SWFA as their fire commissioner. As a fellow taxpayer, I will work towards maintaining and continually improving our services in a frugal manner during these financially challenging times. I support equal representation of all community members and promote continually improving transparency of all aspects of SWFA. The department has changed from volunteer to a combination volunteer-career organization. With this growth and increases in demand for services, we are continually looking into cost effective, efficient and alternate ways to provide quality service.

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**Ron Swanson**

Elected Experience: Have served the people of WCFD 2 and SWFA for 45 years. Firefighter/emt; fire chief for 14 yrs.; fire commissioner for 20 yrs.

Other Professional Experience: currently working as a pharmacist. serving the people of whatcom co. for over 50 years

Education: degree in pharmacy from WSU

Community Service: my community service primarily centered around my fire dept. work

Statement: My commitment to the fire service has been a priority in my life. I would like to continue serving as a commissioner to work with our board and to provide the best fire/ems services possible.

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Water District 2 - Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Unexpired Term

No Photo
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Water District 2 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Maxine A. Visser

No statement submitted.

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Water District 7 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Mark Lann

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Water District 13 - Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
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Birch Bay Water and Sewer District - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Patrick Alesse

No statement submitted.

For More Information:

No information submitted.

Columbia Valley Water District - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term



Victoria Anderson

Elected Experience: 2 years as current Commissioner

Other Professional Experience: Faculty mathematics instructor at WWU

Education: BS, Mathematics; MS, mathematics

Community Service: AmeriCorps volunteer,

Search and Rescue volunteer

Statement: In 2007 my husband and I found a home in the Kendall community and have begun to raise our family here. Thanks to the hard work of the community, the area has morphed into a place we are proud to live.

For the past two years, I have been your Water Commissioner. Although we had a slow start with the change of two Board members, in a very short time we have been able to work

together and complete many of the necessary and overdue projects. Among those are the District's comprehensive plan, emergency plan, and a plan to decrease District leaks, among others.

I have also been elected Auditing Officer and Board Secretary and have been working together with the District Office Manager to become more transparent as a District. Our goal is that anyone should be able to come into the District and know that, at a minimum, two sets of eyes have overlooked all financial paperwork in the office.

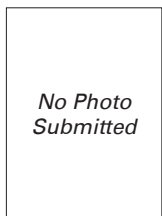
It has been my pleasure serving you as Water Commissioner and I would be proud to continue serving the community.

For More Information:

(360) 391-9565

Torium71@gmail.com

Glacier Water District 14 - Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term



No Photo
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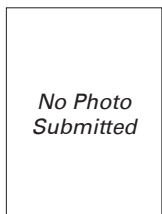
Connie Cook

No statement submitted.

For More Information:

No information submitted.

Glacier Water District 14 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term



No Photo
Submitted

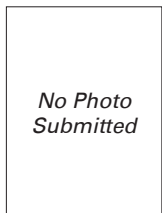
James Evangelista

No statement submitted.

For More Information:

No information submitted.

Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District - Commissioner District 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term



No Photo
Submitted

Deborah Lambert

No statement submitted.

For More Information:

No information submitted.

Point Roberts Water District 4 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term



No Photo
Submitted

Bill Meursing

No statement submitted.

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Samish Water District - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Herb Barker

No statement submitted.

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Cemetery District 1 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Vickie Rainey

No statement submitted.

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No information submitted.

Cemetery District 3 - Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Unexpired Term

No Photo
Submitted

Floy Markham

No statement submitted.

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Cemetery District 3 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Gary Gehling

No statement submitted.

For More Information:

No information submitted.

Cemetery District 4 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

David J. Kratzig

No statement submitted.

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Cemetery District 5 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Melvin Kuipers

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Cemetery District 6 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan Short and Full 6-Year Term

*No Photo
Submitted*

Catherine Flaherty

No statement submitted.

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Cemetery District 7 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

*No Photo
Submitted*

James Paul Larsen

No statement submitted.

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Cemetery District 8 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

*No Photo
Submitted*

Pauline deHaan

No statement submitted.

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Cemetery District 9 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

*No Photo
Submitted*

Lonnie L. Davenport

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lonzo45@aol.com

Cemetery District 10 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

*No Photo
Submitted*

Glenn G. Boodey

No statement submitted.

For More Information:

No information submitted.

Cemetery District 11 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

*No Photo
Submitted*

Donald Harvey

No statement submitted.

For More Information:

No information submitted.

Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Mary Edgley

No statement submitted.

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Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1 - Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan Short and Full 4-Year Term

**Douglas Shier**

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: Owner of local septic pumping business and also a general contractor.

Education: No information submitted.

Community Service: No information submitted.

Statement: I have been a resident of Point Roberts for 15 years and enjoy the sense of community that living in a small town gives me.

One of my goals as commissioner is to encourage residents young and old to get active and use the local Baker field for various sports and activities. I can also use my skills as a carpenter to assist and advise in regards to maintenance projects.

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Northwest Park and Recreation District 2 - Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Joseph Maier

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No Photo
Submitted

Sheli Moore

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Northwest Park and Recreation District 2 - Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Katy Montfort

No statement submitted.

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Northwest Park and Recreation District 2 - Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term (Cont.)



James L. Rankin, Jr.

Elected Experience: None.

Other Professional Experience: US Navy for three and one-half years as Intelligence Officer; Stationed in Taiwan and Japan; Admitted to practice law by State Bars in California and New York; Practiced law in New York City for one year; Deputy County Attorney in Santa Cruz, California for three years; Private Law Practice in Santa Cruz, California for thirty-two years; Hearing Officer for County of Santa Cruz for four years

Education: Graduate Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH; Graduate with Honors of Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

June 1958; Graduate Naval Officers Candidate School at Newport, RI; Commissioned Ensign Oct. 21, 1958; Graduate Boalt School of Law

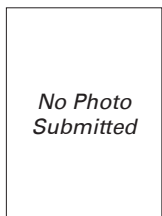
Community Service: No information submitted.

Statement: I support using available funds to maintain and improve our public parks. I also support making the Blaine-Birch Bay area as attractive as possible as a resting place for migrating waterfowl.

For More Information:

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Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3 - Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



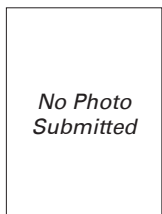
Kevin Burke

No statement submitted.

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forburke@gmail.com*

Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3 - Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Term



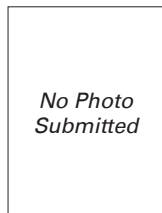
Terry DeValois

No statement submitted.

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Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District 3 - Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term

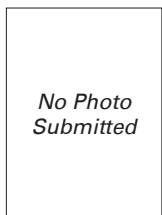


Brandon Van Soest

No statement submitted.

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Hank Roorda

No statement submitted.

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roordah2@frontier.com*

Hospital District 304 - Commissioner Position 1, Nonpartisan 2-Year Unexpired Term

No Photo
Submitted

Andrew C. Hunter

No statement submitted.

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Hospital District 304 - Commissioner Position 3, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Gary L. Kent

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Hospital District 304 - Commissioner Position 4, Nonpartisan 4-Year Unexpired Term

No Photo
Submitted

Jeri Kaufman

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Hospital District 304 - Commissioner Position 5, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Robert Stanley

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Point Roberts Public Hospital District - Commissioner Position 2, Nonpartisan 6-Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Dick Williams

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Bellingham School District 501 Proposition No. 2013-1 General Obligation Bonds - \$160,000,000

The Board of Directors of Bellingham School District No. 501 adopted Resolution No. 14-13 concerning this proposition for bonds. This proposition would authorize renovations, student safety and other upgrades to designated schools and facilities throughout the district to extend their useful life and construct replacement buildings for Sehome High School, Options/Innovations High School and Happy Valley Elementary School, to issue \$160,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years, and to levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 14-13. Should this proposition be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This bond measure would fund replacement buildings for Sehome High, Happy Valley Elementary, and Options/Innovations High; improvements at Parkview and Lowell Elementaries; preventative maintenance such as roof repairs; energy efficiency projects; student safety upgrades; a central cooking kitchen; earthquake safety and renovations for the district office; transportation facility update; high school field improvements; and upgrades at the Gordon Carter Conservation Site.

The current bond tax rate is 90 cents per \$1,000 assessed value. This rate would increase in 2014 by 49 cents, then decrease in subsequent years, settling to 26 cents above the current bond tax rate by 2019.

STATEMENT FOR:

This bond represents a balanced approach for making improvements to our school district facilities. Funds generated will allow us to rebuild our most decrepit schools, undertake safety and energy efficiency upgrades, and retrofit existing neighborhood schools. Historic low bond rates and decreased construction costs offer the opportunity to get more for our money if we act now.

A Facilities Task Force made up of a diverse group of community members and district staff thoroughly assessed the state of our facilities. The Task Force focused on balancing the needs of our district, the recommendations of professional consultants and the financial realities and resulting impact upon families.

Their findings, along with community input, indicate it is time to make the investment to upgrade Bellingham School District facilities that are deficient and rebuild ones which are no longer fiscally responsible to maintain. We need to continue to invest in education and adequate facilities are a big part of a successful learning environment.

Your support for this bond will continue the tradition of our community supporting education and protecting the investment in our facilities and our children for generations to come. Bellingham Promise: <http://bellingshamschools.org/TheBellinghamPromise>

Vote yes on Bellingham Public School Bond

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Our research-based, ten-year plan reflects a wide range of community input, and supports neighborhood schools citywide, including Carl Cozier, Columbia, Happy Valley, Lowell, Parkview and Sunnyland. With a central kitchen, artificial turf and central office upgrades, approving this bond is about improving learning, health and safety across the district. It is not about larger schools, and does not increase class sizes, busing or administrative costs. Vote Yes for every child in our community.

STATEMENT AGAINST:

To support quality education, voters must demand that our school district design a bond that is based on research that demonstrates improved student learning. Instead this bond will create larger elementary schools, increased class sizes, more busing, higher administrative expenditures, and less community cohesion. The district plans to increase all neighborhood schools to 450 students, despite contrary input from community members, Bellingham's Comprehensive Plan, and educational research.

We still owe \$59 million from the \$67 million 2007 school bond; we've paid off less than 12% of this bond. Yet the district wants another \$160 million for new buildings, including \$4 million for a new central kitchen, \$5 million for artificial grass and \$17 million for Roeder's administrative offices. These unaffordable luxuries leave basic student needs unmet. While many schools and facilities could use improvements, our buildings are not falling apart, as evidenced by the District's own facilities report. Renovating instead of replacing existing structures is a smarter choice economically and environmentally.

Vote NO on this \$160 million bond to encourage the district leadership to write a better plan without unnecessary frills, a more reasonable bond that is tied both to clear improvements in student learning and to Bellingham's neighborhood plans.

Rebuttal of Statement For:

This bond represents an unrealistic, unbalanced approach to improving our schools. During a time of financial uncertainty, it asks for funding which will not benefit student learning throughout Bellingham.

Over 60% of funds will be spent in one southside neighborhood, and another significant portion on administrative facilities. The Task Force did not engage city planners or neighborhoods affected by their proposal.

We can do better. Vote NO on Bellingham Public School Bond.

**Whatcom County Fire Protection District 4
Proposition No. 2013-1
Emergency Medical Services
Property Tax Levy**

Will Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 be authorized to impose a PERMANENT regular property levy of thirty cents (\$.30) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation?
Yes _____ No _____

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Almost seventy percent (70%) of the emergency responses in Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 are emergency medical responses. Funds raised by this EMS levy will only be used to provide emergency medical services, including training for EMS personnel, EMS related equipment, supplies, and vehicles needed to provide emergency medical services. The levy amount will be established at the rate of thirty cents (\$.30) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Voter approval of Proposition No. 1 will provide funding for Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 to continue providing emergency medical services at current levels.

STATEMENT FOR:

Fire District 4 residents receive high-quality fire and emergency medical services at the lowest levy rate of comparable Whatcom County fire agencies. Many residents, however, are unaware that 70 percent of 911 response calls are medical emergencies, requiring an ambulance.

Planning carefully, the district has improved services without a voter-approved funding increase since 1994. We have grown from an all volunteer department to a combination of part-time paid and full-time career firefighter/EMTs. However, our district is primarily residential homes with little opportunity for economic growth. Nevertheless, calls to provide urgent medical aid for our citizens far outnumber fire emergencies. The district has equipped itself accordingly.

Fire 4 contracted for services with North Whatcom Fire & Rescue in 2011. Doing so, we believe, provides the best emergency response for the money. Both districts operate more cost-effectively without duplications. Fire 4 has gained 24-hour firefighter/EMT staffing at its headquarters station; in-house fleet maintenance; added training.

Approval of Proposition 1 will allow emergency medical services to remain at its current level. The permanent increase of \$0.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation would cost the owner of a \$200,000 home \$60 annually. Vote YES to keep a 24-hour ambulance crew in the station.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

No statement submitted

STATEMENT AGAINST:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

**Point Roberts Park and Recreation District 1
Proposition No. 2013-1
Community Center Capital Improvements
General Obligation Bonds - \$250,000**

The Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1 passed Resolution #13-02 concerning the District's community center. This proposition authorizes the District to replace the roof and HVAC systems of the community center, improve drainage on the site, and make other capital improvements to maintain and improve the safety and structural soundness of the center; to issue for these purposes \$250,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum 10 years; and to levy property taxes annually, in addition to regular tax levies, to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution #13-02. Should this proposition be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Passage of this proposition would authorize Point Roberts Park and Recreation District to borrow \$250,000 by issuing general obligation bonds. As provided in District Resolution #13-02, the bonds would pay for improvements to the District's community center, including new roof, HVAC, flooring, storage shed, drainage improvements and design for seismic improvements. The bonds would be repaid from annual property tax levies over a period not to exceed 10 years. Depending on amounts repaid each year and on prevailing interest rates, property tax levies are estimated to increase approximately 5.5¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value for the term of the bonds.

STATEMENT FOR:

We support the Point Roberts Park & Recreation District's quarter-million dollar Capital Improvement Bond for the Point Roberts Community Center building. Built in 1937 under Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Work Projects Administration, this building served as a school until 1963. Since then, it has become the heart of community activities for fifty years.

Currently, the yearly operations and maintenance levy funds the day to day building expenses – water, electric, propane, pest control, lawn care, cleaning, equipment repair, kids camp, seniors and other associated costs related to the upkeep of Baker Field and the Julius Firehall.

The Capital Improvement Bond will pay for a new roof, new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, new hallway flooring, rubber mulch to improve playground safety, another storage shed, electronic door locks, seismic upgrade design and critically needed drainage improvements to address chronic standing water in the basement. The budget includes a 20 percent contingency fund.

By voting YES, you will continue to support senior lunches, library patrons, summer kids camp, Christmas Craft fairs, the Historical Society room and community meeting organizations that use it year round. Your YES vote will insure that this building will continue to provide a structurally safe environment for future generations.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Taxation WITH representation. The voters elect park commissioners who work, without remuneration, to address the challenges that beset an 80 year-old building. You can't expand potential building use without addressing structural improvements first. Strategically, prior park commissioners had the foresight and courage to expand public facilities by purchasing the Julius Fire Hall. This purchase increases public utilization resulting in a long-term commitment to the community as the new library. VOTE YES FOR COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS!

STATEMENT AGAINST:

This Tax Levy is too small, poorly conceived and achieves no new benefit to the Tax Payer. We the Tax Payers now own three commercial lots, two buildings, as well as 65+ acres. Our Capital Account was depleted with the purchase of Julius Hall at a time when the Board was well aware of future maintenance on the Community Center. Our Board needs to survey the community to seek out wants and or needs before asking for additional funding. Lacking community input and a Strategic Plan, the Board can not consider fully all the alternative financial means it has already, as a whole. Simply resolving to tax, replace a roof and earmark additional items for the Community Center without a Strategic Plan for expanding potential building use, is reactionary. New tax of any amount should provide new or expanded facilities along with increased public utilization that results from a long term view by the community. Our Board has not sought out the long term view of the community, but as of July 9th 2013, wants to first tax us and perhaps plan later. This Tax Levy is shortsighted, does not take us forward and is clearly, taxation without representation.

Rebuttal of Statement For:

By voting NO, we will continue to support all of the beneficial programs the Board currently runs year round. There has been absolutely no evidence to suggest the Community Center is about to be an unsafe environment. Stewardship of public assets requires long term planning, not tax and spend. Our Board has alternatives available and should move directly towards gaining community input first, then work from a value add Strategic Plan and vision of constituents.

**Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2
Proposition No. 2013-1
Authorizing Regular Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District No.2 adopted Resolution No. 2013-01 concerning a proposition to assess a regular property tax levy for a four (4) year period (2014-17) of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to fund staffing, operations, maintenance, and capital improvements to improve recreation and leisure time activities and opportunities for people of all ages in the greater Blaine-Birch Bay area. Shall the proposition be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Northwest Park and Recreation District #2 provides recreational and leisure time activities, classes, sports and programs; operates and maintains an activity center that includes a gymnasium; and builds trails, playgrounds, park amenities and ball fields for people of all ages in the greater Blaine - Birch Bay area.

The District proposes, pursuant to RCW 36.68.400, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits. This property tax levy would be collected for a four (4) year period, 2014 through 2017.

STATEMENT FOR:

Only \$20 per year (that's \$1.66 per month) from a residence with an assessed valuation of \$200,000 will provide predictable and dependable funding to allow Northwest Park and Recreation District to offer more than 26 classes, sports opportunities, recreational events and leisure time activities for all ages year-round, indoors and out. Popular sponsored events range from art classes for kids to adult Zumba for 50 women per session three times a week (nwparkandrec.org).

The four-year levy will allow the funding of projects such as intra- and inter-community trails to provide safe bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between and around Blaine and Birch Bay. A priority will be the establishment of readily accessible ball fields. Additional amenities such as playgrounds, off-leash dog areas, Frisbee golf and the like will leverage the public use of existing Whatcom County beaches and parks, the city of Blaine and Washington State parks and a potential new beach park in Birch Bay with public services.

Please vote YES.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

No statement submitted

STATEMENT AGAINST:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Make Sure Your Vote Gets Counted



Read the instructions.



Mark your ballot carefully.



Sign the voter declaration on the green return envelope. Don't forget to date it!



Return your ballot as early as possible, but ***no later*** than 8 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5.

It's EASY!

NEW Return Ballot Envelope

Now even the envelope is easy - no tricky flap folding! Washington State no longer requires the folded flap so we're returning to a simpler envelope. Easier to seal, easier to process, easier on the budget.

Returning Your Ballot

By Mail

1st class postage is required. Your ballot envelope must be postmarked by Election Day, November 5. The post office suggests mailing your ballot no later than Monday, November 4, for it to arrive on time.

OR

Save a Stamp - Use a Drop Box

You can drop your ballot off as soon as you vote. Use a drop box listed below - no postage required.

Whatcom County Auditor's Office

Whatcom County Courthouse
311 Grand Ave., Suite 103
Bellingham, WA

HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Election Day Only 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Courthouse Drive-Up Ballot Drop Box

South courthouse parking lot
Accessible from Grand Avenue only
201 Grand Avenue, Bellingham

OPEN: Friday, Oct. 18

CLOSE: 8:00 p.m. Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5

Blaine Library Drop Box

610 3rd St.

Deming Library Drop Box

5044 Mt. Baker Highway

Everson WECU Drop Box

106 E. Main St.

Ferndale City Hall Drop Box

2095 Main St.

Lynden Library Drop Box

216 4th St. (Behind Building)

Meridian Middle School Drop Box

861 Ten Mile Rd.

Western Washington University

Outside the Bookstore on High St.



Washington State Law Prohibits Ballots Deposited After 8:00 p.m. on Election Day From Being Counted.



Don't Let Time Get Away

Your ballot envelope must be post-marked by Election Day, November 5

or

Deposited in a ballot drop box no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day

(See page 71 for drop box locations)

Accessible Voting Unit



An accessible voting unit (AVU) is federally required. It is equipped with visual and audio technology that allows voters with impaired vision and/or physical disabilities to vote a secret ballot. The AVU is an accurate and secure way to vote.

Where:

Whatcom County Auditor's Office
Whatcom County Courthouse
311 Grand Ave., Suite 103, Bellingham

When:

October 18 – November 4:
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Election Day, November 5:
8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

MyVote

Go to: **MyVote.wa.gov**

MyVote gives you ***personalized*** voter information, and more:

- Your candidates and ballot measures
- Your ballot status
- Your voting history
- Your districts and elected officials
- Ballot drop boxes and voting centers
- A way to update your name and/or address

If you haven't received your ballot by Friday, October 25, don't delay.

Call the Election Division right away!

(360) 676-6742

We gladly accept relay calls.

Monday - Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm



Voter Q & A

How can I register to vote?

Washington offers three ways to register to vote:

- Online at **www.myvote.wa.gov** (if you have a current WA State driver's license or current WA State I.D. card)
- By Mail
- In person at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division

When is the last day I can register to vote?

Mail-in or online registrations must be postmarked or received no later than 29 days before an election in order to vote in *that* election.

If you are not registered to vote in the State of Washington, register in person at the Election Division of the Auditor's Office no later than 8 days before an election.

What do I need to do to change my name?

Choose one of the following options:

- Online at **www.myvote.wa.gov**
- Complete an update form in person at the Auditor's Office
- Complete a new voter registration form

How do I change my mailing *and/or* residence address?

Updating your record is easy!

Address Change *Within* Whatcom County

Choose **one** of the following options:

- Online at **www.myvote.wa.gov**
- Call the Auditor's Office, Election Division at (360) 676-6742. We gladly accept relay calls.
- E-mail the Auditor's Office at: elections@co.whatcom.wa.us
- Complete and mail a new voter registration form to the Whatcom County Auditor's Office

Address Change *Outside* Whatcom County

Choose **one** of the following options:

- Online at **www.myvote.wa.gov**
- Complete and mail a new voter registration form to your new county of residence

Registration forms are available at city halls and libraries. You may also call the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division at (360) 676-6742 to have a form mailed to you. We gladly accept relay calls.

Questions?

Call the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division at (360) 676-6742, Mon. – Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. We gladly accept relay calls.

E-mail: elections@co.whatcom.wa.us

Additional Voter Information is Available at:

www.whatcomcounty.us/auditor

Contact Information for Major Parties

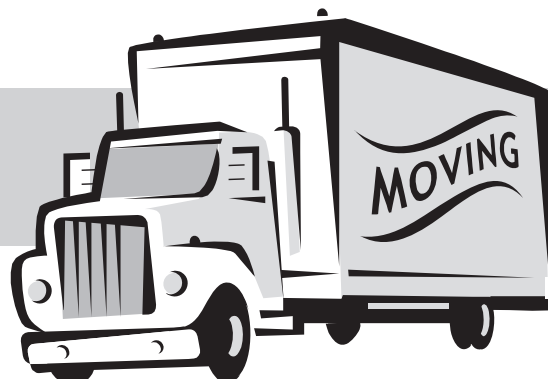
Democratic Headquarters

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Bellingham, WA 98225
Phone: (360) 647-7661

Republican Headquarters

2321 E. Bakerview, Ste B
Bellingham, WA 98226
Phone: (360) 734-5215

Moving?



Notify Election Division



Notify phone company



Notify cable company



Notify electric company



Change your address online at:

www.myvote.wa.gov

or

Notify the Election Division at the Auditor's Office:

Phone: 676-6742

We gladly accept relay calls.

E-mail: elections@co.whatcom.wa.us

COMPLETE TEXT

RESOLUTION NO. 14-13

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Bellingham School District No. 501, Whatcom County, Washington, providing for the form of the ballot proposition and specifying certain other details concerning submission to the qualified electors of the district at a special election to be held therein on November 5, 2013, of a proposition for the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$160,000,000, or so much thereof as may be issued under the laws governing the indebtedness of school districts for the purpose of providing funds for the renovation, upgrade and new construction of school facilities, and authorizing the Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Operations to submit a request for eligibility for the Washington State School District Credit Enhancement Program.

WHEREAS, improved facilities are needed in Bellingham School District No. 501, Whatcom County, Washington (the "District") in order to provide the students of the District with safe, adequate and efficient educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide all or a part of the funds to enable the District to undertake renovations and upgrades to extend the life of the District's existing facilities, including elementary and high school buildings and construct new replacement school buildings, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the District issue and sell its unlimited tax general obligation bonds to provide funds for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington provide that the question of whether or not such bonds may be issued and sold for such purposes must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, in RCW ch. 39.98 (the "Credit Enhancement Act"), the State Legislature established a credit enhancement program (the "Program") for voter-approved school district general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, Section 39.98.040 of the Credit Enhancement Act authorizes the state treasurer to make a determination that a school district is eligible for participation in the Program if the state treasurer determines that the District is eligible under rules adopted by the state finance committee; and

WHEREAS, the District may elect to participate in the Program upon an administrative determination that it is cost-effective;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 501, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. This Board of Directors (the "Board") hereby finds and declares that the best interest of the students and other inhabitants of the District require the District to carry out the plans hereinafter provided at the time or times and in the order deemed most necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 2. Capital Improvements. The District shall make the following capital improvements (the "Improvements"):

- Construct and equip a new gymnasium, cafeteria and elevator, convert the existing gymnasium to classroom space and undertake improvements to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act requirements at Lowell Elementary School;
- Acquire, construct and equip a new school to replace Happy Valley Elementary School;
- Construct and equip a new gymnasium or cafeteria and other building improvements at Parkview Elementary School;
- Acquire, construct and equip a new school to replace Option High School (involves the replacement of seven portable buildings);
- Acquire, construct and equip a new school to replace Sehome High School on the same site;
- Install synthetic turf fields at Bellingham and Squalicum High Schools;
- Renovate the existing District offices;
- Undertake capital improvements at the District's transportation facility, including roofing, windows, walls, doors, heating and ventilation systems;
- Undertake safety and energy improvements to educational facilities throughout the District, including but not limited to access control, video, communications, DDC controls, HVAC systems, roofing, painting and flooring;
- At the conservation site, undertake a feasibility study, design, and infrastructure, including water, electricity, septic, and construct a large group structure; and
- Construct and equip a new central kitchen for the District.

The cost of all necessary planning, architectural, engineering, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, on and offsite utilities, related improvements and other costs incurred in connection with the making of the foregoing capital improvements shall be deemed a part of the costs of the Improvements. Such Improvements shall include all necessary furniture, equipment and appurtenances.

If available funds are sufficient from the proceeds of Bonds authorized for the above purposes, the District may use such funds to acquire sites for facilities of the District or to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds. In the alternative, if available funds are sufficient from the proceeds of Bonds authorized for the above purposes and/or state and local circumstances require, the District may use such funds to acquire, construct, equip, modernize and make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District, all as the Board of Directors may determine, after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

It is anticipated that the District may receive funds from the State of Washington pursuant to Chapter 28A.525 RCW. To the extent that such state funds are not received timely and used to pay costs of the Improvements, the District intends to apply such state funds to construct and equip a new warehouse for District use and/or future school facility construction projects, including planning and design of such District facilities. Such state funds may also be applied to pay the principal of or interest on the bonds provided for herein or to make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District as the Board may determine after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

Section 3. Authorization of Bonds. For the purpose of providing all or a part of the funds necessary to pay the cost of the Improvements, together with incidental costs and costs related to the sale and issuance of the bonds, the District shall issue and sell its unlimited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$160,000,000. The balance of the cost of the Improvements shall be paid out of any money which the District now has or may later have on hand which are legally available for such purposes. None of said bond proceeds shall be used for the replacement of equipment or for any other than a capital purpose. Such bonds shall be issued in an amount not exceeding the amount approved by the qualified electors of the District as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington or exceeding the amount permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.

Section 4. Details of Bonds. The bonds provided for in Section 3 hereof shall be sold in such amounts and at such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by this Board and as permitted by law, shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time the bonds are sold, and shall mature in such amounts and at such times within a maximum term of twenty (20) years from date of issue, but may mature at an earlier date or dates, as authorized by this Board and as provided by law. Said bonds shall be general obligations of the District and, unless paid from other sources, both principal thereof and interest thereon (including original issue discount) shall be payable out of annual tax levies to be made upon all the taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess of any constitutional or statutory tax limitations. The exact date, form, terms and maturities of said bonds shall be as hereafter fixed by resolution of the Board. After voter approval of the bond proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, the District may issue short term obligations as authorized and provided by Chapter 39.50 RCW.

Section 5. Election. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District requires the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether the District shall issue the Bonds at a special election to be held on November 5, 2013. The Whatcom County Auditor as *ex officio* supervisor of elections is hereby requested also to call and conduct the special election to be held within the District and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition set forth below. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify the proposition to said officials in the following form:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 501
(BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS)**

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$160,000,000

The Board of Directors of Bellingham School District No. 501 adopted Resolution No. 14-13 concerning this proposition for bonds. This proposition would authorize renovations, student safety and other upgrades to designated schools and facilities throughout the district to extend their useful life and construct replacement buildings for Sehome High School, Options/Innovations High School and Happy Valley Elementary School, to issue \$160,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years, and to levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 14-13. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED.....[]

REJECTED.....[]

The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Whatcom County Auditor.

Section 6. Request for Eligibility for the Credit Enhancement Program. In preparation for the issuance and sale of the Bonds after approval by the voters, the Board of Directors hereby requests that the State Treasurer issue a certificate of eligibility in favor of the District for participation by the District in the Program with respect to the Bonds. The Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Operations is hereby authorized (following voter approval) to submit such applications, resolutions and certifications as shall be required by the State Treasurer in reviewing the District's request for participation.

Section 7. Severability. In the event that any provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of this resolution or the Bonds, but they shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision had not been contained herein; provided, however, that any provision which shall for any reason be held by reason of its extent to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

Section 8. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Bellingham School District No. 501, Whatcom County, Washington, at a regular meeting held this 27th day of June, 2013. BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 501, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON: Scott Stockburger, Ken Gass, Kelly M. Bashaw, Camille Diaz Hackler, Directors. ATTEST and CERTIFICATION: Dr. Gregory Baker, Secretary of the Board of Directors.

COMPLETE TEXT

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-3 RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE EMS LEVY

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 (the "District") providing for the submission to the voters of the District at an election to be held therein on November 5, 2013, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same day, a proposition to impose a permanent Emergency Medical Services Levy ("EMS Levy") at a levy rate of thirty cents (\$.30) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation in addition to its regular property tax levy, to be levied each year beginning in 2013 and to be collected in each year succeeding the year of the levy to provide funds required by the District to enable the District to continue to provide emergency medical services.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that emergency medical services continue to be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment, and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to impose a permanent EMS Levy in order to continue providing emergency medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities, the District shall levy an emergency medical services levy beginning in 2013 and collect each year a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed thirty cents (\$.30) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of such property.

Section 2. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069, the funds raised by such levy shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 3. BALLOT TITLE AND PROPOSITION. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 and 29A.36.210, the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION 1

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Will Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 be authorized to impose a PERMANENT regular property levy of thirty cents (\$.30) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation?

YES.....[]

NO.....[]

Section 4. REFERENDUM. A referendum petition may be filed at any time with the Fire Chief, which is currently Ron Anderson. Within ten (10) days, the Fire Chief must confer with the petitioner concerning form and style of the petition, issue the petition an identification number, and secure an accurate, concise, and positive ballot title from the Whatcom County Auditor. The petitioner has thirty (30) days in which to secure the signatures of not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the registered voters of the taxing district, as of the last general election, upon petition forms which contain the ballot title and the full text of the measure to be referred. The Fire Chief and/or his designees must verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition and, if sufficient valid signatures are properly submitted, must certify the referendum measure to the next election within the taxing district if one is to be held within one hundred eighty days (180) from the date of filing of the referendum petition, or at a special election to be called for that purpose in accordance with RCW 29A.04.330. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069(4)(b), the referendum procedure provided herein is exclusive in all instances and supersedes the procedures provided under all other statutory or charter provisions for initiative or referendum which might otherwise apply.

Section 5. CERTIFICATION. The Secretary of the District is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 2013-3 showing its adoption by the Board at least fifty-two (52) days prior to the date of such general election; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the foregoing proposition.

Section 6. IMPLEMENTATION. The Fire Chief of the District is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4, at an open public meeting thereof this 17th day of July, 2013, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, and the following Commissioners being present and voting. **WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4:** Steve Ness, Fire Commissioner; Mary Beth Neal, Fire Commissioner; Harry Andrews, Fire Commissioner.

ATTEST and CERTIFICATION: Kerstin Parks, District Secretary, Board of Fire Commissioners.

COMPLETE TEXT

RESOLUTION NO. 13-02

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1, Whatcom County, Washington, authorizing the form of the ballot proposition and specifying certain other matters concerning submission to the District's voters at the election to be held on November 5, 2013, of a proposition for the issuance of the District's general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$250,000 to pay for capital improvements to the District's community center.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1, Whatcom County, Washington (the "District"), has been reviewing the condition of the community center owned and operated by the District and has determined that the building needs significant capital repairs and upgrades to extend its useful life and to provide a safe facility for use by residents of the District (as further described in this resolution, the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, to provide part of the funds to pay for costs of the Improvements, the Board deems it necessary and advisable that the District issue and sell its unlimited tax levy general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$250,000 (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington (including RCW 28A.530.010 and RCW 84.52.056) provide that the question of whether the Bonds may be issued and sold for these purposes and taxes levied to pay debt service on the Bonds must be submitted to the voters of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1, Whatcom County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Board finds that the best interests of the District's residents require the District to undertake the Improvements described in Section 2 of this resolution when and how the Board deems most necessary and advisable.

Section 2. Capital Improvements. The District shall make the following capital improvements to the District's community center:

Replacement of the roof, HVAC system, and flooring, installation of new skylights, construction of a new storage shed, drainage improvements on the site, including related parking and landscaping modifications, upgrades to the playground, and planning and design for seismic improvements (collectively, the "Improvements").

The Improvements include all necessary furniture, equipment, and appurtenances. The cost of all architectural, engineering, legal, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, acquisitions of property, on and off-site utilities, technology infrastructure and upgrades, and other costs incurred in connection with making the Improvements will be considered part of the cost of the Improvements. The District will determine the extent, timing and specifications for construction and installation of structures and other improvements.

The District will apply proceeds of the Bonds and other money of the District legally available for the Improvements among the various Improvements to accomplish, as nearly as may be, all the Improvements.

If proceeds of the Bonds, plus other funds of the District legally available for the Improvements, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Improvements, the District will use the available funds for those Improvements deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the District.

If the Board determines that it has become impracticable to acquire, construct or install one or more of the Improvements by reason of changed conditions, or costs substantially in excess of the amount of Bond proceeds or other available funds, the District is not required to acquire, construct or install those Improvements.

If all of the Improvements have been completed or duly provided for, or found to be impracticable, the District may apply all or any portion of the leftover Bond proceeds to other capital improvements to the District's community center, to the redemption of Bonds, or the redemption of other outstanding obligations of the District as the Board determines.

Section 3. Authorization of Bonds. To provide part of the funds necessary to pay costs of the Improvements (or to reimburse the District for those costs to the extent that District funds have been used for that purpose), together with incidental costs and costs related to the sale and issuance of the Bonds, the District will issue and sell the Bonds as unlimited tax general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$250,000. The balance, if any, of the cost of the Improvements will be paid from funds that the District now has or may later have on hand that are legally available for this purpose and out of possible state or federal grants. Bond proceeds may not be used for the replacement of equipment or for any other than a capital purpose. The Bonds will be issued in an amount not exceeding the amount approved by the voters of the District as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington and not exceeding the amount permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.

Section 4. Details of Bonds. The Bonds will be sold in such amounts and at such time or times as the Board deems necessary and advisable and as permitted by law. The Bonds will bear interest at a rate or rates authorized by the Board and will mature in the amounts and at the times, within a maximum term of 10 years from date of issue (but may mature at an earlier date or dates), and have other terms all as authorized by the Board and as provided by law. The exact date, form, terms and maturities of the Bonds will be as hereafter established by resolution of the Board. The Bonds will be general obligations of the District and, unless paid from other sources, both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable out of annual tax levies to be made upon all taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess of any constitutional or statutory tax limitations. After voter approval of the bond proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, the District may issue short-term obligations as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW. Proceeds of the Bonds may be used to redeem and retire short term obligations or to reimburse the District for expenditures previously made for the Improvements.

Section 5. Election. The Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District and its residents to submit to the District's voters the proposition of whether the District will issue the Bonds for the purposes described in this resolution at the election to be held on November 5, 2013. The District requests that the Whatcom County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, call and conduct the election to be held within the District and submit to the District's voters the proposition set forth below. The Secretary of the Board is authorized and directed to certify the proposition to the Auditor in substantially the following form at least 45 days prior to the election date:

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PROPOSITION NO. 1

POINT ROBERTS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1 COMMUNITY CENTER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$250,000

The Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1 passed Resolution #13-02 concerning the District's community center. This proposition authorizes the District to replace the roof and HVAC systems of the community center, improve drainage on the site, and make other capital improvements to maintain and improve the safety and structural soundness of the center; to issue for these purposes \$250,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum 10 years; and to levy property taxes annually, in addition to regular tax levies, to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution #13-02. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED.....[]

REJECTED.....[]

The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Whatcom County Auditor.

Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this resolution is held to be invalid, such invalidity will not affect or invalidate any other provision of this resolution or the Bonds, but this resolution and the Bonds will be construed and enforced as if the invalid provision had not been contained in this resolution; provided, however, that any provision that for any reason is held by reason of its extent to be invalid will be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

Section 7. Effective Date. This resolution will become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Park and Recreation District No. 1, Whatcom County, Washington, at a regular meeting held on July 9, 2013.

POINT ROBERTS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1,
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON: Mark A. Robbins, Mary Edgley, Doug Shier, Beverly B. Griffith, Linda Hughes, Board of Commissioners. ATTEST and CERTIFICATION: Lynn M. VanBuskirk, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners.

COMPLETE TEXT

NORTHWEST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 2 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

RESOLUTION PROVIDED FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Park Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District #2, Whatcom County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a general election to be held on November 5, 2013, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for the district's General Fund to pay for general expenses of staffing, operations, maintenance and capital improvements of the Northwest Park and Recreation District #2, such levy to be made in 2013 and collection in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary to fund staffing, operations, maintenance and capital improvement in the provision of recreational and leisure time activities, classes, sports and programs for people of all ages in the greater Blaine – Birch Bay area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Park and Recreation District #2, Whatcom County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide recreational and leisure time activities, classes, sports and programs to people of all ages in the greater Blaine – Birch Bay area and develop parks, sports fields, trails and the like, funding is necessary.

Section 2. In order to provide the necessary revenue to pay the costs of providing recreational opportunities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure continuation of such services, the District shall collect beginning in 2014, pursuant to RCW 36.68.400, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits. This property tax levy would be collected for a four (4) year period, 2014 through 2017.

Section 3. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a general election in November 5, 2013 in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be set at \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2013 and be collected for the following six years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. Whatcom County as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections is hereby requested to call such special election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Shall the Northwest Park and Recreation District #2 impose a property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a six (6) year period (2012-2017) to fund staffing, operations, maintenance and capital improvements.

NORTHWEST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 2 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION NO. 1

AUTHORIZING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Commissioners of Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2 adopted Resolution No. 2013-01 concerning a proposition to assess a regular property tax levy for a four (4) year period of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to operate, maintain and improve recreation and leisure time activities and opportunities for people of all ages in the greater Blaine – Birch Bay area.

APPROVED.....[]

REJECTED.....[]

Northwest Park and Recreation District No. 2: Ted Morris, Commissioner; Doug Robertson, Commissioner; Richard Sturgill, Commissioner; Katy Montfort, Commissioner; Jeff Carrington, Commissioner.